



Submitting Grant Applications to the AGCO Agriculture Foundation

Introduction

The [AGCO Agriculture Foundation](#) (AAF) has launched a new grant application platform through our Community Investment software partner, Benevity to identify non-profit organizations to partner with in the fight against hunger.

The goal of the AAF's grant funding is to provide resources to initiate and support impactful programs that align with our focus areas and mission of achieving food security and sustainable agricultural development in communities around the world.

Learn more about the application process and grant eligibility below.

Grant Application Platform

The AAF is accepting grants through the [Benevity application portal](#). For 2021, grant applications will remain open until October 1st, 2021 (unless AAF makes an exception to consider applications passed this deadline). Applications received after the October 1st deadline will be considered for 2022 funding. Notification of a funding award will take between 1-3 months.

Eligibility

The AGCO Agriculture Foundation is seeking to support Zero Hunger projects and initiatives that align with our five key focus areas:

- Forward-looking approach to nutritional demands
- Advancement of quality education in agriculture
- Advancement of community development, particularly in rural areas
- Ethical treatment of farm animals across the value chain
- Advancement of social initiatives that enhance our vision

Learn more about our [focus areas and projects](#).

Non-profit organizations that are registered and recognized as charitable organizations under the law and working in marginalized farming communities are eligible to apply for grant funding. As part of the application process, applicants are asked to provide a certificate of non-for-profit registration to AAF in order to be considered for a grant.

The AAF does not fund activities or programs to benefit:

- Individual for profit organizations (hospitals, hospice programs, etc.)
- Political, religious, labor or fraternal organizations
- Individuals and their personal fundraising efforts
- Groups seeking education, travel or conventions
- Sporting leagues, youth or adult sports teams, clubs, golf tournaments or similar one-off events
- Sales related, marketing, or customer requested fundraising campaigns.
- Schools (unless non-for-profit registered), school districts, individual students, alumni associations, school or parent organizations and activities.

Application Review Process

Upon submission of applications to the grant application portal, an email notification will be sent to applicants confirming the receipt of submission. The AAF will review each submission in the initial review process and send updates via email to inform applicants on their status or to notify if any additional information is required. All automated emails will be sent from an inbox that cannot receive replies.

Only completed applications which meet our eligibility criteria will be processed for final review and grant decisions. The review process typically takes between 1-2 months but can take up to 3 months if there is a high volume of applications.

It is highly recommended that applications for funding are submitted at least 3-4 months prior to when funds are required.

Approved Applications

If an application is approved, the applicant will receive an email notification with the approved grant amount. The AAF will set-up an introductory call to agree on the final project proposal, including key activities, timeline, funding method, and other expectations.

In most cases, the funding recipient and the AAF will develop a grant agreement together with the organizations' legal departments. This document will outline all the information in relation to the grant award. The grant agreement will be signed by both parties before the approved grant is disbursed.

If an application is not selected, applicants will be notified by email as well. Given the expected number of applications received, the AAF will not be able to provide specific or individual feedback on why applications were unsuccessful.

Impact Reporting

All information related to reporting of activities and use of funds will be provided. Selected applicants will provide full impact reports and communications plans as part of the grant agreement.

Follow-up surveys will be sent to applicants with approved requests. Kindly note that completing the survey will help us improve, build a better user experience, and deliver the best possible service to our intending grantees and partners.

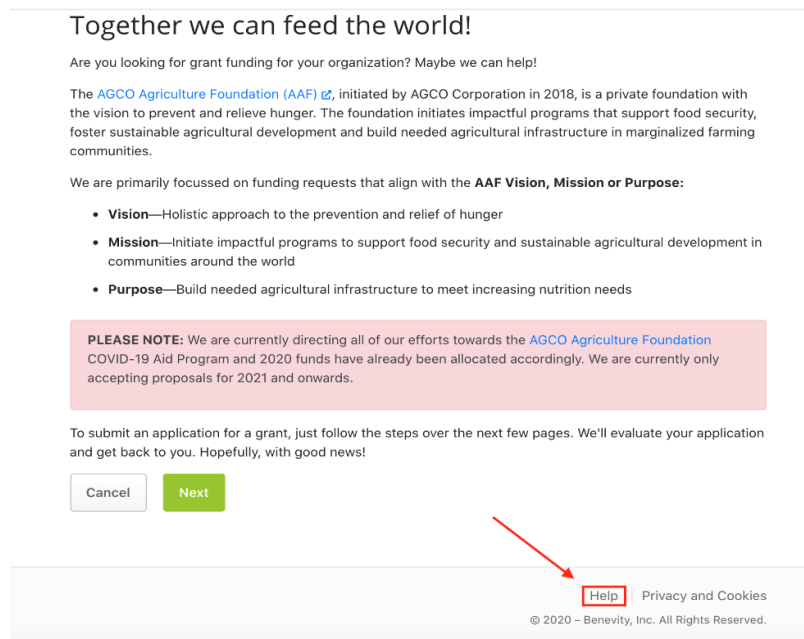
Contact

Should you have any concern or are in need of any assistance, reach out to us via the [Contact Form](#). For technical support, email grantsupport@benevity.com.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What do I need to know before starting a new application?

We advise that you go through the technical FAQs on the application form by clicking “**Help**” at the bottom of the form. See sample below:



Together we can feed the world!

Are you looking for grant funding for your organization? Maybe we can help!

The [AGCO Agriculture Foundation \(AAF\)](#), initiated by AGCO Corporation in 2018, is a private foundation with the vision to prevent and relieve hunger. The foundation initiates impactful programs that support food security, foster sustainable agricultural development and build needed agricultural infrastructure in marginalized farming communities.

We are primarily focussed on funding requests that align with the **AAF Vision, Mission or Purpose**:

- **Vision**—Holistic approach to the prevention and relief of hunger
- **Mission**—Initiate impactful programs to support food security and sustainable agricultural development in communities around the world
- **Purpose**—Build needed agricultural infrastructure to meet increasing nutrition needs

PLEASE NOTE: We are currently directing all of our efforts towards the [AGCO Agriculture Foundation COVID-19 Aid Program](#) and 2020 funds have already been allocated accordingly. We are currently only accepting proposals for 2021 and onwards.

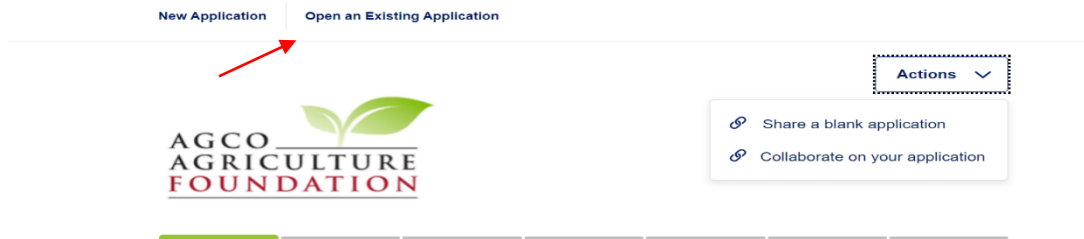
To submit an application for a grant, just follow the steps over the next few pages. We'll evaluate your application and get back to you. Hopefully, with good news!

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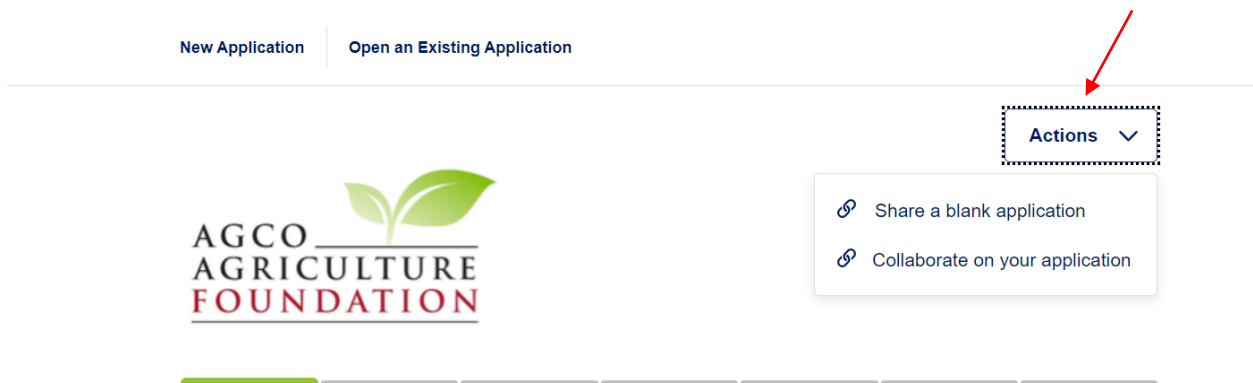
2. Do I need to register to create an application?

No, there is no need to register or create an account. Simply access the application form [here](#). You can begin a new application or open existing applications which are auto-saved in the browser.



3. Can I collaborate with my team on the application form?

Yes, you can collaborate on the application by selecting “Collaborate on your application” under “Actions.” This will allow you to share your application with other members of your organization to work on.



4. What information is required to complete the application?

Please provide all of the information requested in each question, entering the information directly into the online application form. Attachments should be used for specific purposes, not to provide answers to the application questions. Complete all sections of the application unless a question is specifically marked as “optional.” Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Avoid writing in first person and please write clearly and concisely, paying attention to character limits and formatting instructions. Avoid using overly technical language, and please spell out acronyms the first time they are used.

Once an application is submitted, you will not be able to make any further edits, unless requested by the AGCO Agriculture Foundation staff. Refer to the “**Help**” button at the bottom of the form if needed.

5. How can I save the application form or cancel the form?

The application form is auto-saved in your browser when you navigate between the pages. You can also clear each field using the “**Cancel**” button at the bottom of the page.

Website (Optional)


✓ Saved

6. What type of file attachments can be added in support of my application?

We recommend that all attachments to your application should be in form of PDF, .xls, .docx or JPEG formats and the sizes should be moderate to fit into the application package. You can also submit links to external resources where required. Video or audio files are not accepted.

New Application | Open an Existing Application

Actions ▾



Your Request

Is there an event associated with this application?
 Yes
 No

Is there an opportunity for AAF to support your initiative through volunteering?
 Yes
 No

Are there any other funders involved in this project or initiative?
 Yes
 No

Attach any documents you feel will support your application (optional).

File Name	Size
Drop files to attach, or browse	

7. What if I have an issue with my application?

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