



Call for Applications for Grant (CAG) – 2023

Process Overview

Introduction

The [AGCO Agriculture Foundation](#) (“The Foundation”) is accepting proposals for the 2023 Call for Applications for Grant (CAG) through our Community Investment software partner, Benevity. The goal is to identify and work with non-profit organizations with innovative, farmers-focused, and solutions-driven project proposals which aligned with our Foundation focus pillar two on “**Advancement of quality education, research and innovation in agriculture**”.

This Call for Grant Applications (CAG) will consider proposals that increase the capacity of farmers, farming communities, young people and/or women, and facilitates access to the tools, training, activities, and support they need to continuously improve their practices, build resiliency and improve their profitability and contribute to a food-secure world.

The proposal must be farmers-centric and address educational, knowledge transfer, capacity building, entrepreneurship and training needs in agriculture. The proposed project must aim at making big and bold impact, provide quality agricultural training, facilitate inclusion and improve the lives and behavior of the farmers and farming communities.

Grant Application Platform and Approach

The Foundation is accepting grants through the Benevity application portal via the Foundation grant page. This Call for Applications for Grant will be open from September 11th, 8:00am EST to October 13th, 2023, 5:00pm EST.

The Foundation may make changes to extend the deadline of the application cycle. Please note that applications received after the indicated deadlines will not be considered. If considered for grant award, notification of a funding award should take approximately 1 month.

Eligibility

The AGCO Agriculture Foundation implement projects and initiatives under its three thematic areas:

- **Pillar one: Nutrition and Sustainable Food Systems**
Food security, animal welfare, climate action.
- **Pillar two: Agricultural Education and Innovation**
Advancement of quality education, research and innovation in agriculture.
- **Pillar three: Community Development**
Advancement of community development, particularly in our AGCO communities.

Solely for the purpose of this CAG 2023 cycle, we will only consider grant applications submitted under the ***“Pillar two: Agricultural Education and Innovation.”*** Learn more about the Foundation’s [focus pillars and projects](#).

Non-profit organizations and public universities/educational institutions that are registered and recognized as charitable or non-profit organizations under the law are eligible to apply for grant funding. As part of the application process, applicants are expected to provide a certificate or proof of non-for-profit registration to be considered for a grant. For the approval process, our Foundation may reach out for clarification and further documentation on non-profit status if required. Submitted projects must address the focus pillar identified for this grant application.

Additional notes, the Foundation does not award grants to activities or programs to benefit:

- Individual for profit organizations (hospitals, hospice programs, etc.)
- Political, religious-based, 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.
- Organizations, individuals and their fundraising efforts for conferences, summits, and webinars.

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. Our reviewer team will review applications 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. Automated emails will be sent from an inbox that cannot receive replies. In some cases, the Foundation may directly reach out to applicants to arrange a follow-up call to seek clarity on certain aspect of their proposal. Only completed applications which meet the grant eligibility criteria will be processed for final review and grant award decisions. The review process should take approximately 1 month. However, the timeline may change depending on other internal procedures. We highly recommend that applications for funding are submitted before the submission deadline.

Approved Applications

In the case of an approved grant application, the non-profit will receive an automatic email notification from Benevity, informing of grant award and the approved grant amount. We will also follow-up with a direct email from the Foundation inbox to notify on the approval of grant award and next steps. Afterwards, the Foundation will set-up an introductory call to kick-off the project set-up and agree on the deliverables of the project proposal, including key activities, timeline, funding method, and other expectations.

The non-profits awarded the grant and the AAF will develop a joint contract or grant agreement which will outline all the information and obligations in relation to the grant award and project. The grant agreement will be signed by both parties before the approved grant can be disbursed and project can officially kick-off.

Applicants whose grant applications are declined will be notify a through an auto-reply email. In this case, neither our Foundation nor Benevity team **will NOT** be able to provide specific or individual feedback on the reasons for an unsuccessful or declined applications.

Supporting Documents

All applicants must submit their project application form (overview of the project proposal) and upload mandatory supporting documents:

- a. *concept note (max. 5 pages)* – this must include problem statement, project activities, impact measures and indicators among others. This will be used as an official document for the actual project implementation.
- b. *budget breakdown for the project* – this must adhere to the Foundation's funding guideline of 70% vs 30%. 70% of grant funds go directly towards the actual project implementation and related project activities, while 30% are for administrative support.

- c. detailed work plan – this must provide key action plans for implementing the project and timeline.
- d. *certificate or proof of non-profit* – this will be used to cross-check applicants' non-profit status.

Our review team will only consider the above-listed supporting documents in the application decision. Documents such as annual reports do not count towards the grant decision and will not be reviewed.

After the notification of awards, selected non-profits must provide workplan of activities to be implemented for the entire project period or duration. In some cases, the Foundation may send follow-up surveys to applicants with approved requests. Completion of the survey will help to improve, build a better user experience, and deliver the best possible service to our intending grantees and partners.

Contact

Should you have any concern, enquiries or in need of any assistance, reach out to us via the [Contact Form](#) or email - AGCOagriFoundation@agcocorp.com.

For technical support, email grantsupport@benevity.com.