



2021 Brighter Future Fund Application

The 2021 Brighter Future Fund (BFF) aims to provide grants to BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and women farmers across the nation to uplift, support, recognize and amplify the diversity of farms and farmers. These grants will enable participants to enhance viability, access land, and increase resilience.

See BFF Guidelines for eligibility requirements and a detailed program description. Farmers seeking a grant should submit a completed Brighter Future Fund Application to American Farmland Trust (AFT).

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning November 2021. Applications must be submitted electronically through our grant portal.

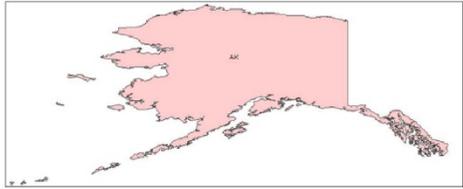
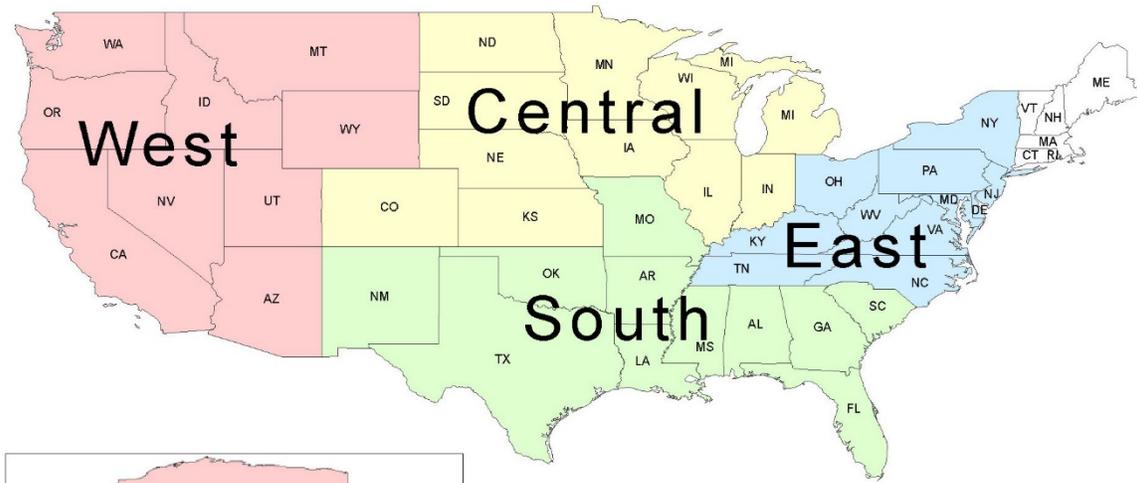
Please answer all the questions below and see the grant guidelines for additional requirements. If you have additional questions or need assistance completing this application, please contact: brighterfuture@farmland.org

Privacy & Data Use

Your trust is important to the staff at American Farmland Trust. The information you provide on this survey will be protected and no personal information will be shared outside the organization without your permission.

Eligibility

The BFF seeks to uplift, recognize, and amplify a wide range of farmers by supporting those from underserved or underrepresented communities. In recognition of the need for greater equity and inclusion for all groups who have been, and still are, marginalized, we aim to support these producers under the Brighter Futures Fund. For the purposes of this program, we are focused on providing resources to farmers who identify as Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC), women, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+).



West	Central	South	East
WA	MI	FL	PA
OR	WI	GA	DE
ID	MN	SC	NJ
CA	IN	OK	NY
NV	KS	MO	MD
AZ	IL	TX	WV
AK	IA	AL	VA
HI	NE	LA	OH
MT	ND	MS	KY
WY	SD	AR	TN
UT	CO	NM	NC

1. Please select your region: *(please refer to above map)*
 - a. West
 - b. Central
 - c. South
 - d. East
 - e. New England
 - f. US Territories

2. Farm Name:

3. First Name:

4. Last Name:

5. Email:

Eligibility Questions

6. Was the total market value of agricultural products sold by your farm operation in 2020* more than \$1,000?

**Please note that we are only accepting applications from farm operations that have sold more than \$1,000 in agricultural products in 2020.*

- a. Yes
 - b. No
7. Did you receive funding from the 2020 Brighter Future Microgrants Program?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
8. To which gender identity do you most identify?
- a. Female
 - b. Male
 - c. Agender/No gender
 - d. Non-binary
9. Which racial and ethnic category best describes you?
- a. American Indian or Alaska Native—For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community
 - b. Asian—For example, Chinese, Filipino, Asian Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese
 - c. Black or African American—For example, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somalian
 - d. Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin—For example, Mexican or Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian
 - e. Middle Eastern or North African—For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Moroccan, Algerian
 - f. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander—For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese
 - g. White—For example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, French
10. How do you describe your sexual orientation or sexual identity?
- a. Lesbian
 - b. Gay
 - c. BiSexual
 - d. Transgender
 - e. Queer
 - f. Heterosexual

**Applicants will have the opportunity to tell us more about themselves later in the application*

Applicant Information

11. Phone Number:

12. Personal Mailing Address:

- a. Line 1
- b. Line 2
- c. City
- d. State
- e. Zip Code

13. Please tell us anything else about you, your story or your background that you think is important for us to better understand you and your farm:

14. Farm Address (if different than personal address):

- a. Line 1
- b. Line 2
- c. City
- d. State
- e. Zip Code

15. If your farm does not have a USPS address, please include its Section, Township or Range. Needed?

16. Which address would you prefer AFT to use for primary communication?

- a. Personal Mailing Address
- b. Farm Mailing Address

17. Do you own or lease farmland at this address?

- a. If you lease, what year does your current lease extend to?

18. Farm Website (if applicable):

19. Grant Amount Requested [\$5,000 maximum]:

20. Years involved in Operating a Farm:

- a. 10 Years or More
- b. Less Than 10 Years

21. Did you spend a majority (50 percent or more) of your worktime in farming or ranching in 2020?

- a. Yes
- b. No

22. Size of farm (total acres of land including cropland, pasture, woodland, and all other land):

- a. 0.1 to 1 acre
- b. 1 to 9 acres
- c. 10 to 49 acres
- d. 50 to 99 acres
- e. 100 to 499 acres
- f. 500 acres or more

23. What farm products did this farm operation produce, raise or grow in 2020? (Check all that apply).

- a. Dairy
- b. Vegetables
- c. Fruits, nuts or berries
- d. Field crops
- e. Greenhouse or nursery crops
- f. Cattle, hogs or other livestock
- g. Other _____

Your Farming Situation:

24. Briefly tell us about your current farming status and land tenure situation (ex: full-time, part-time, hobby/personal use, leasing land, managing a farm, etc.): (150-word max)

25. Please briefly describe your farming background and experiences beyond the information shared above. If you are not currently farming, please explain: (150-word max)

Proposed Use of Funds:

26. Please briefly share the ways in which you specifically are proposing to use BFF funds and how it will address the barriers you describe above. Include in your description: (150-words max)

- a. Specific details about the equipment, infrastructure, or services that will be acquired
- b. A description of the ways that the equipment, infrastructure, or services you are seeking will enhance your farming enterprise and aspirations.

Project Cost

27. Please provide an estimate of total cost for your project or purchase:

28. If other funds are required, what is the source of other funds?

Timeline

All work supported by the grant must be completed within one year of the date of the award letter.

29. When do you expect that the project will be completed? (Month / Year): _____

30. If the project cannot be completed within one year, please explain why:

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All grant applicants will be signed-up for email updates and action opportunities from AFT and will receive a complimentary one-year American Farmland Trust membership.

Yes, I wish to receive updates and a complimentary membership from AFT.