



Farm Speaker Series
 Farm Grant Opportunities: Meet and Greet
 October 17, 2018



Organization	Program Name	Program Details	Program Eligibility	Notes
Whatcom Conservation District Katie Pencke kpencke@whatcomcd.org 360-526-2381 x105	Small Farm Rebate	\$200 towards barn gutters or heavy use area footing.	Livestock owners in Whatcom County in coastal watersheds (Nooksack River, Drayton Harbor, Birch Bay).	
	Small Farm Cost Share	\$3000 for Best Management Practices on farms with a completed site assessment and a Farm Plan.	Livestock owners in Whatcom County in coastal watersheds (Nooksack River, Drayton Harbor, Birch Bay).	
	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	Receive a signing bonus and annual rental payments. Pays for cost of plantings and maintenance for five years. Site preparation includes invasive plant removal and fencing to exclude livestock.	Landowners interested in planting trees and shrubs along the river, creeks, ditches and/or wetlands. Generally projects must be at least 1-acre in size.	
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Joy Hawley joy.hawley@wa.usda.gov 360-318-8121 x 6100	Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns.	Ag producers, owners of non-industrial private forestland and Tribes. Projects focus on manure management, irrigation upgrades, forest management, erosion control, pasture enhancement, and high tunnels.	
USDA Rural Development Brandon Hoffman brandon.hoffman@wa.usda.gov 360-488-4841	Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG)	Pays for operational expenses related to the value-added product, such as processing, marketing, and distribution costs.	Farmers that are creating or planning to create a value-added product.	
	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)	Pays for the installation or construction of renewable energy systems.	Farmers and Rural Small Businesses.	

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<p>Spark Northwest</p> <p>Mia Devine mia@sparknorthwest.org 206-755-1233</p>	<p>Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and other energy incentives.</p>	<p>Assistance and support in writing REAP grants and identifying other funding sources for energy projects for farmers.</p>	<p>Farmers in Washington interested in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.</p>	
<p>Whatcom Land Trust</p> <p>Gabe Epperson gabe@whatcomlandtrust.org 360-746-6688</p>	<p>Farming for Food & Wildlife</p>	<p>Bridge Loan for farm purchase. The amount varies and is repaid when easement closes. All or some of the loan may be forgivable.</p>	<p>Farmers looking for additional funding resources for land with ecological value and/or development rights.</p>	
<p>Whatcom County Planning and Development Services</p> <p>Chris Elder celder@co.whatcom.wa.us 360-778-5932</p>	<p>Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)</p>	<p>Pays landowners for the value of their unexercised residential development potential and enacts an agricultural conservation easement</p>	<p>Landowners with potential development rights who are looking to protect their farm from future development.</p>	
<p>Community Food Co-op</p> <p>Jean Rogers jeanr@communityfood.coop 360-734-8158</p>	<p>Farm Fund Grant</p>	<p>Up to \$8000 divided by the amount of farms who apply, The next funding cycle will begin in November 2018.</p>	<p>Multi-farm collaborations and projects that strengthen local, sustainable agriculture at large in Whatcom and Skagit counties.</p>	
	<p>Farm Fund Secured Loans</p>	<p>Applicants may apply for a minimum of \$500 up to \$12,000, secured at a 3% interest rate. Funds may be used to purchase machinery, equipment, farm supplies, labor or other resources necessary for increasing productivity or on-farm construction.</p>	<p>Farmers in Whatcom or Skagit counties working to stabilize or expand their farming or food processing operation to increase the amount of locally, organically and sustainably produced products.</p>	
	<p>Next Step Grants</p>	<p>The project pairs grant funding with loans or other investments. Grant-to-loan ratio is 1-4. A minimum grant amount of \$1250 corresponds to a \$5000 loan. The Maximum grant amount is \$5000 corresponding to a loan of \$20,000. Evidence of existing financial investment or a loan application must accompany this application.</p>	<p>Farmers and food producers in Whatcom or Skagit counties looking to expand and serve the wholesale market in Whatcom county.</p>	

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Northwest Agriculture Business Center Jeff Voltz jeff@agbizcenter.org 360-593-4744	N/A	Technical assistance to help producers prepare for and/or access grant and loan programs.	Farmers who are interested in business start-up or expansion, value added food production, or farmers markets.	
USDA Farm Service Agency Darcy K. Maldonado darcy.maldonado@wa.usda.gov 360-318-8121 x 2	Farm Loan Program	Provide loans to purchase farm land or farm improvements, including closing costs, and soil and water conservation practices.	Farmers who are unable to obtain financing from commercial lenders.	
	Operating loans	Provide loans to purchase equipment and livestock, minor real estate repairs, and annual operating expenses.		
Sustainable Connections Alex Smith alexs@sustainableconnections.org 206-890-4063	Food to Bank On	3 years of support which include business planning workshops, mentorship, payments for food deliveries to hunger relief groups, and marketing support.	Beginning farmers with 1-3 years of farm operations experience.	
Cloud Mountain Farm Annah Young annah@cloudmountainfarmcenter.org 360 -966-5859 x1025	Farm Incubator	Program offers soil, equipment, access to irrigation, barn space, propagation space, limited cooler and dry storage space, educational opportunities, and access to a distribution location serving market outlets.	Beginning farmers and individuals with are interested in starting or expanding a farm business.	
Seattle Tilth/ HumanLinks Foundation Rachel Schindler applications@tilthalliance.org 715-507-0028	HumanLinks Grant	\$2000 and \$20,000 to improve and/or expand operation, reduce environmental impacts, or become a more sustainable business.	Farmers who have been in business for at least two years. Priority given to small operations with approximately 40 acres or less.	