



# Grant Opportunity for Agricultural Education Nonprofits In Baltimore County and the Surrounding Area

February 1, 2023

Having completed its initial mission to establish an agricultural resource center in Baltimore County, the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council (MARC) is disbursing its final monetary assets to nonprofits whose missions closely match MARC's mission.

## Background

In the early 2000's several highly motivated leaders from Baltimore County's farm community established MARC to acquire property and establish what is now the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park, MARC fostered conservation of agricultural and natural resources through educational and technical services benefiting the citizens of Baltimore County and the surrounding area. More Specifically:

**Educating the Public** - about agriculture in Baltimore County and the surrounding area.

**Promoting the Citizen's Understanding** - promoting the understanding of and appreciation for, agricultural businesses and agriculture's impact on every person and the environment in which they live, within the focus of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Helping Children and Families** - helping children and families of diverse backgrounds develop personal connections to agriculture through tangible, hands-on experiences.

**Conduct Farm Operations** - demonstrate innovations, best management practices, natural resource conservation, environmental stewardship, and are supportive of educational programs about agriculture.

## Grant Eligibility & Process

**Registered 501(c)(3) Nonprofit** - eligible applicants must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit in good standing with missions and programs closely matching the mission of the Maryland Agricultural Resource Council (MARC).

**Baltimore County and Surrounding Area** - applicant organizations must conduct programs and activities in Baltimore County and surrounding areas, such as Baltimore City and nearby Harford and Carroll Counties.

## Application

**Application Form** - applicants organizations will complete the accompanying MARC Grant Application Form and submit the form with attachments by email to [marcgrants23@gmail.com](mailto:marcgrants23@gmail.com).

**All applications are to be emailed and received by the MARC office no later than close-of-business March 15, 2023**

**Award Date:** All awards will be announced no later than April 15, 2023

## Awards

Grants will be awarded in the following amounts:    \$2,500    \$5,000    \$10,000

## Final Reports

**Due:** no later than **January 31, 2024**

**Email submissions to:** [marcgrants23@gmail.com](mailto:marcgrants23@gmail.com)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the final report is to provide a comprehensive description of the awardee's grant funded program and how the citizens of Baltimore County and surrounding area benefited from this program/activity.

**Filing Final Reports:** Awardees will file final reports clearly describing how the grant money was used and how the project/program benefited the citizens of Baltimore County and surrounding area.

**Report Information:** Awardees will include outreach dates, target audiences, age groups, subject areas, etc.

**Longevity:** Awardees will describe if the intended outreach was short term or lead to sustainable programming.

**Promotions & Media:** Awardees will include photographs, promotions and any media coverage from the program.

## MARC Contact Information

Please forward all **questions** about the grant application process to [tom@marylandagriculture.org](mailto:tom@marylandagriculture.org). Include your preferred phone number. Someone will respond by email or phone.



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Applicant Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Employee Identification No. (EIN): \_\_\_\_\_ MD Tax Exempt No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Website and/or social media addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Select your requested award category: \_\_\_\_\_ \$2500.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$5,000.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000.00

Organization's Mission:

By checking the box, I attest that the organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in full compliance and good standing with all applicable and requisite Federal and State regulations, permitting and licensing.

### Required Attachments

- List of Organization's Board of Directors and Key Personnel
- Organization's Typical Outreach Narrative (see below)

### Organization's Typical Outreach Narrative

Your submission should NOT exceed 2,000 words and should include the following:

- Organization's Objectives
- Program Strategies & Goals
- Typical Outreach Activities
- Target Audiences & Impact
- Number of Years Active
- Outreach Content Areas
- How your organization will benefit
- Examples of how the grant will support sustained programming



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### Schedule

Time Period for grant funded activity: \_\_\_\_\_ (beginning and conclusion)

### Budget

| Income (can include matching funds; grants or gifts from other organizations or individuals; fee based income) |        |                             |
|--|--------|-----------------------------|
| Description  | Amount | Received (R) or Pending (P) |
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| Expenses (if additional space is needed, please include an attachment)   |        |                             |
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### Signatures

I attest that this application has been completed with the permission of the organization's leadership and that 100% of the grant award money will be used for the purposes described in this application. If the project cannot be completed in a timely manner, the grant award money will be returned to MARC no later than the final report due date.

I further understand that a final report is due to MARC no later than January 31, 2024 with project photos and signed copies of any photo related release forms. By initialing the box below I understand that photographs and images provided by you may be used by MARC for promotional purposes.

I acknowledge that photographs and images provided by my organization may be used by MARC for promotional purposes.

I have read and understand the grant requirements and will comply with the requirements as stated:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_