

## Grant Writing for Farmers Chatbox Resources and Q and A

CFAP: Coronavirus Food Assistance Program <https://www.farmers.gov/cfap>

MARBIDCO grant programs:

[http://www.marbidco.org/\\_pages/programs\\_grants/grant\\_programs\\_lfaq.htm](http://www.marbidco.org/_pages/programs_grants/grant_programs_lfaq.htm)

Future Harvest Beginning Farmer Training Program:

<https://www.futureharvestcasa.org/field-school/beginner-farmer-training-program>

Two USDA grants: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs/farm-school-grant-program>

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants>

Q: Lisa, did you work with higher organization on the SARE grant and who was that organization?

A: for the farmer grants you need an advisor— usually extension, but the grant doesn't need to go through another organization or need a fiscal sponsor

Q: Lisa, were you growing ground cherry prior to the on-farm research? Did you propose to work with that crop? Thank you!

A: Yes! I was growing ground cherries and couldn't meet demand because they are so labor intensive to harvest. I had ideas about how to make it more efficient so applied for funds to try out my ideas

Q: Are there grants for equipment?

A: for Federal grants there typically constraints around the purchase of land, buildings, construction and equipment. Some grants may allow for small equipment purchases if it fits within the scope of the grant or program—like the value added producer grant. There is sometimes a cap on the cost of what is considered "equipment" so some smaller ticket items may be able to be included. Talk to the local administrator/manager of the grant and understand what they mean by equipment and cost caps on individual line items in a proposed budget. For example you may be able to purchase packaging equipment, but not a tractor. also there may be options to secure a low interest loan for equipment—the Farm Storage Facility loan with FSA has great terms and can be used to purchase used equipment, portable equipment and things like refrigerated trucks.