

April 18, 2024



Dear Missouri Agriculture Education Teachers,

The Missouri FFA Foundation is excited to announce two new grant opportunities to help Missouri high school agriculture education programs prepare the workforce to meet the future needs of the Missouri agriculture industry. Grant awards for these programs range from \$10,000-\$50,000.

The Horizon Grants support updates or improvements needed for existing high school agriculture education programming. Schools may ask for \$10,000-\$20,000 in funding for projects that will enhance, replace, or expand existing facilities, equipment, lab supplies, curriculum, etc. The Horizon Grant requests should include at least a 50% local match.

The Rising Sun Grants support the launch of new high school agriculture education programs or new to the school agriculture education programming/classes. Schools may ask for \$25,000-\$50,000 in funding for facilities, equipment, lab supplies, curriculum, etc. A 25% local match is required.

The 2024 Horizon and Rising Sun Grants have been made possible due to generous support from the State of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Proposed projects for both grant programs should address at least one need and/or align with the strategies outlined in the 2020 study entitled Workforce Needs Assessment of Missouri's Food, Agriculture and Forestry Industries.

Applications are due June 21. For more information or to apply, please review the application, scoring rubric, and budget template attached with this letter.

A technical assistance webinar will be held in May for these grants. The date and registration information will be sent out via email at a later date. (It will also be posted on the Missouri FFA Foundation Facebook page.) If you have any questions that aren't answered by the application instructions or the scoring rubric, please feel free to contact me at heather@missouriffa.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Dimitt-Fletcher", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

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