

Plan Overview

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Title: Harvesting Our Potential: Training Beginning Women Farmers Through Mentorship

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Project abstract:

Women are underserved and underrepresented in agriculture, which leads to ongoing barriers to accessing land, information, and crucial resources, and feeling isolated or unwelcome in agricultural networks and service offices. The goals for this project include 1.) providing opportunities for beginning and intermediate (under 10 years) women farmers in the Midwest (IA, WI, IL, MN, NE and OH), to access local mentorship relationships and resources needed to make best decisions for their future business plans and/or current operations, and 2.) giving aspiring women farmers connections that boost interest, confidence and commitment in choosing farming as a career. Ultimately this project will result in greater success rates for the sustainability of women's farming operations and an increase in start-ups of women-owned and operated farm businesses.

The Women, Food & Agriculture Network has been coordinating successful aspiring and beginning farmer programming for over 20 years, which has included facilitating one-on-one mentorships, mentor trainings, Learning Circles and other networking and training opportunities. In addition to these ongoing program offerings, this project will incorporate farm-sitting as a dynamic component, which will give aspiring and beginning women farmers valuable experience managing the day-to-day farm operations. Farm-sitting will also support experienced women farmers in leaving their farms to gain additional education and training opportunities.

Key activities include stipend-supported one-on-one mentorships, farm sitting and learning circles. 100% of total federal funds requested are allocated to NGOs/CBOs to serve socially disadvantaged audiences.

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Please note that Women, Food & Agriculture Network (WFAN) is NOT applying for this funding as a Research or Educational grantee. However, WFAN is cognizant that all projects will generate data, and is committed to maintaining the integrity and security of that data.

Data will be both digital and non-digital and will include online program participant registrations, outreach materials, project activity tracking and assessment questionnaires.

Data are both primary - such as program participant registrations and feedback and metadata - and secondary as generated by the project evaluators.

Data will be managed in domain-specific workspaces. Expected data management tools include cloud-based storage via Google Drive and within Google Docs, as well as on secured desktops utilizing Microsoft Office (.xls), Tableau (.jpg/.gif), and - as appropriate - other GIS mapping and/or data analysis tools. Program participant data will be stored in our secure cloud database, Powerbase. Formats and programs were selected with staff expertise (Google Docs/Office) and preference of open-source databases (Powerbase)

WFAN anticipates that less than 1TB of data will be generated over the course of the project. As noted above, all data is securely stored in cloud-based repositories. Any data generated or manipulated on secured desktops is stored long-term in cloud-based repositories. No personally-identifying information (PID) such as social security numbers, birthdates, or banking/financial information for program participants will be collected nor stored. Program participant contact information will be housed in the secure cloud-based database program, Powerbase. Any downloads of participant contact information will be housed in the cloud-based repository (Google Drive) with limited, secure access.

Program participant confidentiality will be maintained, and no data will be shared beyond WFAN members without express permission of program participants. Photo, recording, and written content releases are obtained for evaluative and outcome sharing.

Data will be shared by PD and Key Staff through password protected cloud-based accounts.

Co-PD, Juliann Salinas - WFAN's Executive Director - will ensure DMP implementation in collaboration with PD Stephanie Enloe. She will also be responsible for dissemination of the DMP to all key staff and contributors. DMP policies and protocols will be shared with WFAN Executive Team staff, Key WFAN staff and WFAN's Board Governance Committee to ensure redundancy and accessibility in the unlikely event of Ms. Salinas' or Ms. Enloe's departure from the project. The funds necessary to develop and implement the DMP have been included in both this project's budget as well as overall agency planning budgets.
