

Following is a hypothetical RFP (Request For Proposal) from the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) . This is a competitive grant, so provide as much verifiable information as possible.

Document Type: Grants Notice

Funding Opportunity Number: SCDA-CCTC-0012014

Funding Opportunity Title: Food Security in South Carolina

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Category of Funding Activity: Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Category Explanation: Provides financial assistances to Tribes, local governments, education institutions, and non-profit organizations (whose mission is to conserve and protect the environment) to establish community farmers' markets, develop local food sources and infrastructure, strengthen food security in South Carolina, and protect natural resources.

Expected Number of Awards: 1-3

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: **Yes. There is a dollar for dollar match requirement. Matching funds may come in the form of real dollars, real estate donations, or other in-kind contributions.**

Posted Date: 2/1/2014

Closing Date for Applications: May 2, 2014. Applications must be presented to the evaluation committee at the South Carolina Envirothon at Sandhills REC at their appointed times.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$4,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$4,000,000

Award Floor: \$0

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## Full Summary:

According to the latest census data South Carolina has a population of about 4.8 million, with an average population density of 155 people/mi<sup>2</sup>. The majority of land area in SC, however, is rural. Our mission at the SCDA is to promote and nurture the growth and development of South Carolina's agriculture industry and its related businesses while assuring the buying public of safety and security. Our shared vision is for the state's economy to grow and prosper providing everyone, producers and consumers, opportunities to enjoy the fruits of agriculture.

The SCDA is seeking proposals for programs that will accomplish this within the context of urban agriculture expansion, elimination of food deserts, development of local food infrastructure, and expansion of the "Certified SC" brand. Programs should be reproducible and scalable to fit different SC communities. Special consideration will be given to programs that reclaim lost land (such as brownfields and abandoned developments), strengthen underprivileged communities, or otherwise improve natural resource management in South Carolina.