



PHASE II MICROGRANT INITIATIVE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Advancing Urban Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems in Pulaski County

This initiative supports gardens that help reduce food insecurity through community, individual, and backyard gardening.

The Central Arkansas Sphinx Foundation (CASF) invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for Phase II microgrant funding to strengthen and expand urban agriculture efforts throughout Pulaski County. This funding opportunity is made possible through support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) and To Improve Mississippi Economics, Inc. (T.I.M.E., Inc.).



THESE MICROGRANTS ARE INTENDED TO:



Expand the capacity of existing urban community/farm and individual urban farming.



Support the development of new urban agriculture initiatives.



Increase access to fresh, locally grown food while helping address food insecurity in Pulaski County.

Awarded funds may be used for approved garden supplies and materials.



ALLOWABLE EXPENSES:

Examples

- Soil
- Mulch
- Raised garden beds
- Plants
- Seeds
- Garden Tools



NON-ALLOWABLE EXPENSES:

Examples

- Staff, personnel, consultants, workshop training
- Land purchases, rental fees
- Equipment
- Soil disturbing activities



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



ZOOM INFORMATION MEETING

August 5, 2026 at 6:00 PM

If you are interested in applying for the Phase II Microgrant, you are invited to attend the Zoom Information meeting. Please register below to receive the Zoom link.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

August 4, 2026 at 9:00 PM

The deadline to register for the Zoom Information meeting.



APPLICATIONS OPEN

August 6, 2026

The application will be available on the Central Arkansas Sphinx Foundation website (casfgrants.org).



APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 14, 2026 by 5:00 PM

Applications are due by 5:00 PM.



BEFORE YOU APPLY

Fully plan your proposed project before starting the application. Strong applications clearly explain what you plan to accomplish and how the requested funding will help achieve those goals.

Consider the following: _____



What specific need will your garden or farm address?



What do you hope to accomplish by the end of the grant period?



How will your garden benefit the community or the people you serve?



What garden supplies and materials are needed to be successful?



Is your budget realistic and directly tied to your garden goals?



How will you measure success?



How will the garden be sustained after the grant period has ended?



PLEASE NOTE



You are ineligible to apply for the Phase II Microgrant Initiative if you have previously received other microgrant funding from the Central Arkansas Sphinx Foundation.



Applications are online only (no physical or email applications will be accepted).



Eligible request amounts must be no less than \$2,500 and no greater than \$8,000.



Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.



All application questions must be answered for an application to be considered complete.



Applications with unanswered questions, missing information, or incomplete sections will not be considered for funding.