

FSA Cooperators Microgrant

We are excited to announce that with the support of the USDA's Farm Services Agency, SPROUT will be administering a \$500,000 micro-grant program over the next five years. This program is meant to support the development of New Orleans urban agriculture, make infrastructure investments in traditionally underserved producers, and connect farmers to the services that the New Orleans USDA Urban Service Center offers.

This program is a community organized effort. Although SPROUT holds the Cooperative Endeavor with the FSA, 40 members and organizations in the city have been a part of the entire process. Our steering and funding committees have co-built the application and rubric, and will be a part of making funding decisions. We believe that full community participation is the key to community ownership of its food system.

A microgrant can provide up to \$10,000 for projects. The application will open to the public from May to late June. Successful micro-grant beneficiaries will be notified in the early fall.

Please view our [1-pager](#) for more information and preview the [application](#) here. You can also visit our [website](#) to learn more about us! We can't wait to continue growing our urban agriculture community.

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Sincerely,

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