

Fresh Food for Native Folks

2013 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

Project Summary

This projects purpose is to increase the availability of healthy fresh nutritious foods to the Hoopa Reservation community and surrounding towns. The Hoopa Valley Tribe and Tsemeta nursery plans to accomplish this with funding awarded by the USDA 2013 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Farms will be created to grow specialty crops. Farmers will sell specialty crop produce to the public at farmers' markets that will be developed and held weekly or bi-weekly during harvest season.

Low-income families will be awarded farmers' market specialty crop food vouchers to help assist them with purchasing the healthy foods. The low-income limits of eligibility will be based on the WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines 2013-2014. Applications will be available at the farmers markets and income verification will be obtained or a zero income statement form will be completed by applicants. Any person(s) whose income falls within these guideline limits will receive farmers' market vouchers. The applicants will need to apply each month to maintain voucher eligibility. Vouchers will be granted on a match basis; when a qualified applicant spends \$10-\$30 on specialty crops a voucher for \$10-\$30 will be given for use on their next purchase from the specialty crop vendors. These vouchers will only be valid for purchasing eligible specialty crop products. A list of eligible specialty crops will be given to voucher recipients and farmers. To keep track of the commodities purchased, there will be a section on the vouchers for writing down the products purchased with the voucher. This should help to introduce and establish the specialty crop market and ensure its continued need after funding has run its course. No blank vouchers will be accepted for reimbursement. This project will create specialty crop farms, a farmers' market and the financial support needed to get people of the Hoopa area and surrounding communities the healthy California grown specialty crops to their tables.

During the duration of the grant, the Hoopa Valley Tribe believes the farmers will be able to make enough income to be able to continue with growing and supplying the crops to sell at the newly established farmers' markets. The farmers who apply will be chosen based on their ability and willingness to continue with producing specialty crops after the grant period. The Project Director will work with the farmers to establish good budgeting practices as well as helping to prepare and maintain fields should the project continue. Grant funding opportunities for farmers' market food vouchers will be sought after in hopes to be able to continue to help the low-income families' ability to purchase healthy fresh foods.

Only eligible specialty crops will be grown by the farmers who receive help from the project's grant funding. Also, only eligible specialty crops will be allowed to be purchased with vouchers. Farmers will not be allowed to sell produce not listed as a specialty crop at the farmers market. The farmers who attend the farmers market and are not a part of the grant project will be given a list of the eligible items they may sell at the farmers market.

Duration of the project is from October 2013 to June 2016

Process:

Informational and farmer recruitment meetings will take place at least once a year. Farmers will be selected every year through an application, interview and site review process.

Farmers will be given a list of eligible plants to choose from. The seeds will be ordered and the plant seedlings grown for the farmers by the Fresh Food for Native crop crew and the Tsemeta Nursery.

A Farmers Market Planning meeting will take place every May with the Farmers, project crew and Project Director. At these meetings dates for the farmers market will be decided on for the harvest season as well as going over farming and marketing plans.

Farmers' responsibility:

Ownership or permission to utilize the land for farming/agricultural purposes.

Water, the farmers need to provide all watering equipment and water lines for farming purposes and have adequate water supply to sustain the crop they wish to grow.

Transportation of produce to farmers markets as well as transportation containers.

Grow, weed and maintain their crops.

Attend farmers' meetings and farmers markets.

Keep sale records for grant project purposes utilizing the receipt and record books provided by project director.

Harvesting and storage of produce.

Services provided by grant funding:

Specialty crop seeds and seedlings will be purchased and provided by grant funding.

Help with land preparation using hand tools and/or a tractor.

Receipt books and record books.

Help with planting of the crops.

Help with Marketing and Advertisements.

Help with weeding of the crops.

Financial assistance with awards of match value vouchers to qualifying low-income families.

Farmers Application

Name(s): _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

What is your water source? _____

How many Acres (estimate if need be): _____

Farm Site
Location: _____

(Continue on back side of application and draw map if need be)

Do you have any gardening experience? If so please
explain: _____

What specialty crops are you interested in growing? List as many as you like putting a star next to those you most prefer.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

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**SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
ELIGIBLE COMMODITIES**

FRUITS AND TREE NUTS

Almond	Cranberry	Passion fruit
Apple	Currant	Peach
Apricot	Date	Pear
Avocado	Feijou	Pecan
Banana	Fig	Persimmon
Blackberry	Filbert (hazelnut)	Pineapple
Blueberry	Gooseberry	Pistachio
Breadfruit	Grape (including raisin)	Plum (including prune)
Cacao	Guava	Pomegranate
Cashew	Kiwi	Quince
Citrus	Litchi	Raspberry
Cherimoya	Macadamia	Strawberry
Cherry	Mango	Suriname cherry
Chestnut (for nuts)	Nectarine	Walnut
Coconut	Olive	
Coffee	Papaya	

VEGETABLES

Artichoke	Endive	Potato
Asparagus	Garlic	Pumpkin
Bean Snap or green Lima Dry, edible	Horseradish	Radish (all types)
Beet, table	Kohlrabi	Rhubarb
Broccoli (including broccoli raab)	Leek	Rutabaga
Brussels sprouts	Lettuce	Salsify
Cabbage (including Chinese)	Melon (all types)	Spinach
Carrot	Mushroom (cultivated)	Squash (summer and winter)
Cauliflower	Mustard and other greens	Sweet corn
Celeriac	Okra	Sweet potato
Celery	Pea Garden, English or edible pod	Swiss chard
Chive	Onion	Taro
Collards (including kale)	Opuntia	Tomato (including tomatillo)
Cucumber	Parsley	Turnip
Edamame	Parsnip	Watermelon
Eggplant	Pepper	

CULINARY HERBS AND SPICES

Ajwain	Cinnamon	Mace
Allspice	Clary	Mahlab
Angelica	Cloves	Malabathrum
Anise	Comfrey	Marjoram
Annatto	Common rue	Mint (all types)
Artemisia (all types)	Coriander	Nutmeg
Asafetida	Cress	Oregano
Basil (all types)	Cumin	Orris root
Bay (cultivated)	Curry	Paprika
Bladder wrack	Dill	Parsley
Bolivian coriander	Fennel	Pepper
Borage	Fenugreek	Rocket (arugula)
Calendula	File (gumbo, cultivated)	Rosemary
Chamomile	Fingerroot	Rue
Candle nut	French sorrel	Saffron
Caper	Galangal	Sage (all types)
Caraway	Ginger	Savory (all types)
Cardamom	Hops	Tarragon
Cassia	Horehound	Thyme
Catnip	Hyssop	Turmeric
Chervil	Lavender	Vanilla
Chicory	Lemon balm	Wasabi
Cicely	Lemon thyme	Water cress
Cilantro	Lovage	

MEDICINAL HERBS

Artemisia	Goldenseal	Senna
Arum	Gypsywort	Skullcap
Astragalus	Horehound	Sonchus
Boldo	Horsetail	Sorrel
Cananga	Lavender	Stevia
Comfrey	Liquorice	Tansy
Coneflower	Marshmallow	Urtica
Fenugreek	Mullein	Witch hazel
Feverfew	Passion flower	Wood betony
Foxglove	Patchouli	Wormwood
Ginkgo biloba	Pennyroyal	Yarrow
Ginseng	Pokeweed	Yerba buena
Goat's rue	St. John's wort	

NURSERY, FLORICULTURE, AND HORTICULTURE CROPS

Note: Under the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP), turfgrass sod is not eligible. Under the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program – Farm Bill (SCBGP-FB), horticulture was added to the definition making turfgrass sod and seed eligible.

Honey	Tea Leaves
Turfgrass	Maple Syrup
Hops	

ANNUAL BEDDING PLANTS

Begonia	Coleus
Dahlia	Geranium
Impatiens	Marigold
Pansy	Petunia
Snapdragon	Vegetable Transplants

POTTED FLOWERING PLANTS

African Violet	Azalea
Flowering Bulbs	Poinsettia

POTTED HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS

Astilbe	Columbine
Coreopsis	Daylily
Dianthus	Heuchera
Hosta	Ornamental Grasses
Peony	Phlox
Rudbeckia	Salvia
Vinca	

CUT FLOWERS

Carnation	Chrysanthemum
Delphinium	Gladiolus
Iris	Lily
Orchid	Rose
Tulip	

CUT CULTIVATED GREENS

Asparagus Fern	Coniferous Evergreens
Eucalyptus	Leatherleaf Fern
Pittosporum	

FOLIAGE PLANTS

Anthurium	Bromeliad
Cacti	Dieffenbachia
Dracaena	Fern
Ficus	Ivy
Palm	Philodendron
Spathiphyllum	

CHRISTMAS TREES

Balsam Fir	Blue Spruce
Douglas Fir	Fraser Fir
Noble Fir	Scots Pine
White Pine	

DECIDUOUS FLOWERING TREES

Crabapple	Dogwood
Crepe Myrtle	Flowering Pear
Flowering Cherry	Flowering Plum
Hawthorn	Magnolia
Redbud	Service Berry

BROADLEAF EVERGREENS

Azalea	Boxwood
Cotoneaster	Euonymus
Holly	Pieris
Rhododendron	Viburnum

DECIDUOUS SHADE TREES

Ash	Elm
Honey Locust	Linden
Maple	Oak
Poplar	Sweetgum
Sycamore	

LANDSCAPE CONIFERS

Aborvitae	Chamaecyparis
Hemlock	Juniper
Pine	Spruce
Yew	

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

Barberry	Bubbleia
Hibiscus	Hydrangea
Rose	Spirea
Viburnum	Weigela

**SPECIALTY CROP BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
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Alfalfa	Flower corn	Shellfish (marine or freshwater)
Amylomaize	Hay	Sorghum
Barley	Livestock products	Soybean oil
Buckwheat	Millet	Soybeans
Canola	Mustard seed oil	Striped Maize
Canola Oil	Oats	Sugar beets
Clover	Peanut oil	Sugarcane
Cotton	Peanuts	Sunflower oil
Cottonseed oil	Pod corn	Tobacco
Dairy products	Primrose	Tofu
Dent corn	Quinoa	Triticale
Eggs	Rapeseed oil	Waxy corn
Field corn	Range grasses	Wheat
Fish (marine or freshwater)	Rice	White corn
Flax	Rye	Wild Rice
Flaxseed	Safflower meal	
Flint corn	Safflower oil	