

Teton Farmer Fund Grant Description

Purpose

The goal of the Teton Farmer Fund is to increase the amount of good, clean, and fair food in our community by helping those who produce it.

Description

Slow Food in the Tetons offers an annual fund to support local agriculture. Grant requests can be up to \$10,000 and multiple smaller grants may be considered. The average grant size awarded in the past three years was ~\$4,000. Grant funds are raised by Slow Food in the Tetons and Teton Conservation District grants along with private donations. Funding decisions are made by a grant committee that includes three members of our local food community, and are advised by a member of Slow Food in the Tetons.

Grant Cycle and Application Timeline

- Grant applications for the 2027 Teton Farmer Fund open on October 3rd, 2026.
- Applications are due no later than December 11th, 2026.
- Grant recipients will be notified of their award by January 27th, 2027.
- Grant recipients must sign and submit the award letter (grant contract) by February 3rd, 2027. Grant check to follow shortly thereafter.
- Grant recipients must attend either our Community Lunch to celebrate recipients on February 6th during our Winter People's Market from 1-4pm at Community Fairgrounds Building in Jackson, Wyoming, or at an evening Teton Farmer Fund fundraising event at Maya Frodeman gallery in February or March 2027. Event date TBD.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Eligible Recipients:
 - Local and regional food producers. Local is defined as grown within 100 miles or less from Jackson, WY. Regional is defined as grown within 350 miles or less from Jackson, WY.
 - Producers must generally adhere to good, clean, and fair food principles.
 - Preference is given to producers that participate in Slow Food programming.
- Requirements:
 - If the farm or ranch is new (less than 24 months since being established), applicants must include a business plan as an attachment to the application submission email.
 - A minimum of 25% matching funds is required and multiple sources of matching funding is encouraged. In kind donations can make up a portion of the total matching funds.

Guidelines

- Projects that will be considered include, but are not limited to:
 - Support for emergency relief
 - Capital expenditures

- The creation of new farms and ranches
- Finding or maintaining workers
- Business incubation projects
- Other food production projects that strengthen the local food system
- Should your application and request for grant funds be approved, your application will be used as the basis for a grant contract, and funds may only be used for the purpose described in the grant application unless otherwise approved. The grant contract will be submitted to awardees in the form of an award letter. It is the applicant's responsibility to abide by the proposal and contract terms and to track all fund expenditures.
- Selected grant recipients must complete and **submit a W9 prior to receiving the funds**. A 1099 form will be submitted to the recipient as the grant proceeds are taxable to them.
- Grant funds are disbursed after the recipient acknowledges and signs the award letter. Funds must be used by the grant reporting date, December 31st of the award year.
- Restrictions: The grant monies may not be used to fund work retroactively.
- A brief update (45-75 words, with accompanying photo if applicable) that Slow Food in the Tetons and the Teton Conservation District can share via their social media outlets, newsletter, blog, and website is to be submitted quarterly. These can be emailed to Ellen Wilkins, ellen@tetonslowfood.org. Photographs should be labeled as such: "Projectname_Photo#.format." In the body of your email, include a brief description to accompany each of the numbered photos you are submitting.
- Grant applicants are welcome to contact Slow Food during the application period to review potential grant ideas such as project scope, timeline or budget. Grant applicants that have not previously participated in Slow Foods programming will be called for an interview between receiving their grants and the review process for more information. Information gathered in this interview will only be shared with the Grant Committee if they support the applicant receiving grant funding. Keep in mind that final funding decisions are made by the Grants Committee, not by Slow Food board or staff.

Reporting Requirements

Grant reports are due on December 31st of the grant award year. The Teton Farmer Fund Grant Report Form will be sent to grant recipients upon award of the grant.

- Reports are submitted via email to Ellen Wilkins, ellen@tetonslowfood.org.
- Invoices and proof of payment for budget items funded by the grant must be made available to Slow Food in the Tetons upon request up to one year after the grant report has been submitted.
- When submitting your final report, please include photographs as electronic files attached to your email. Photographs should be labeled as such: "Projectname_Photo#.format." In the body of your email, include a brief description to accompany each of the numbered photos you are submitting.
- Grant reports are distributed to our Grants Committee for review.
- For more information, contact Ellen Wilkins, ellen@tetonslowfood.org.