SCBGP Online Application – Frequently Asked Questions

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- What is range of the award amounts?
    - Competitive grants will be awarded for projects with a minimum of $15,000. The Maryland SCBGP grants have a ranged from $15,000 - $140,000.

- Who do I contact to discuss my grant idea?
    - Contact Karen Fedor at karen.fedor@maryland.gov.

- Are farmers markets eligible for SCBGP?
    - Projects that support domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities, local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products should consider submitting applications to the Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program, or, the Regional Food System Partnerships program.

- Are Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) projects eligible for SCBGP?
    - Projects that support the increase of fruits and vegetables in SNAP by providing incentives at the point of purchase and/or include technologies for benefit redemption systems should consider submitting applications to the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program.

- I'm a vegetable producer and I'm looking to upgrade my packing shed to be in compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) – Produce Safety Rule. Am I eligible for SCBGP?
    - The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Food Quality Assurance Program offers cost-share funds through SCBGP for producers to be in compliance with FSMA. Contact Deanna Baldwin at deanna.baldwin@maryland.gov for more information.

- I'm a producer looking for funds to install an irrigation system. Am I eligible for SCBGP?
    - Grant funds will not be awarded for projects that only benefit or provide profit to a single organization, business, or individual.

- What if I submit my application and then need to change or fix something?
    - Contact Karen Fedor at karen.fedor@maryland.gov. If the application window is still open the application can be reopened and modifications can be made.

- What if I make a mistake but don't realize it until after the due date?
    - Contact Karen Fedor at karen.fedor@maryland.gov to discuss the error and possible remedies.

- How do applicants know the status of their award?
    - Applicants will receive updates through their OneStop account.

- How can multiple people from the same organization work on the same application in OneStop?
    - OneStop automatically saves the application. For multiple people to work on the same application, you can share the OneStop log-information. One person should be the designated representative and be authorized to sign the application.

- How many letters of support do I need?
    - A minimum of 3 letters and 5 maximum. Review the Request for Proposals for more information on Letters of Support.

- How can I print out my online application and attachments?
    - Review the User Guide for more information. Applications and attachments will need to be printed out separately.