



***Nevada Department of Agriculture***  
**Amount Awarded: \$259,627.50 Number of Projects: 7**

Offer a pilot Farmer Assistance Program that will encourage small farms to adopt good handling practices (GHP) and Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) by providing assistance through cost-share and train-the trainer programs.

Partner with the Churchill Economic Development Association (CEDA) to establish an official marketing structure that will allow small scale specialty crop farmers to jointly use planting, harvesting, packing equipment, and facilities to expand the Fallon Small Farm Collaborative marketing through farmer's markets, CSA's and other local marketing venues.

Partner with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether and how it would be possible for refrigerated Food Bank trucks, which today return empty from rural charitable food distributions, to increase the viability of small rural farmers of specialty crops by transporting their crops from the rural areas to the urban markets of Reno/Sparks for sale.

Partner with Carson City High School Greenhouse to provide a minimum of 20 students the opportunity to complete one summer school class in Greenhouse Production and Management geared towards floriculture specialty crops, cut flowers, Community Sustainable Agriculture project (CSA) and greenhouse production; and provide up to 10 students 17 years or older stipends to complete work experience training based on their classroom training.

Partner with the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) to develop and implement a pilot horticulture education project for youth (grades 9-12).

Partner with Urban Roots Garden Classrooms to set up three vegetable growing systems – raised bed garden outside, hydroponic system in a classroom, and aquaponics system in a greenhouse - and compare specialty crop production capability of each system as part of Earl Wooster High School's Sustainable Resource Academy program.

Perform pre-award and post-award activities to administer Specialty Crop Block Grant Program funding and ensure that the State Agency and sub-awardees abide by Federal and State requirements and regulations.