**Farm Bureau Community Grant**

**Purpose:** This grant will provide assistance to county Farm Bureaus that plan to host events that will help further education and networking within the diverse segments of agriculture.As Indiana’s largest general farm organization, we strive to be the unified voice of agriculture.

**Application Process:** An application form must be completed by the county Farm Bureau, signed by the county president and regional manager, and submitted to Jill Shanley, INFB administrative assistant. Only one application can be submitted per county per calendar year. A grant committee will review the application and approve funds based on financial need and potential program impact toward reaching organizational goals.

**Grant Amount:** Indiana Farm Bureau will provide funds to a county Farm Bureau with an approved application of up to $1,500.

**Qualified Programs/Activities:** Program or activity must be new or revamped with new aspect to the program in 2025 with a purpose of expanding the county Farm Bureau’s engagement and visibility with your community to help meet one or more of the strategic plans and/or county goals.

**Deadline:** Grant applications may be submitted now through September 30, 2025.

**Reporting:** Counties receiving a Community Grant must complete a form to report how the funds were utilized and to share the success of the funded activities. The report must be submitted no later than one month after program/activity occurred or by October 31, 2025.

**Financial Requirements:** County Farm Bureau must submit a proposed budget, goal/plan for the event, county Farm Bureau funds available as of April 1, 2025, and a timeline for the event.The county Farm Bureau must approve a budget based on the fiscal year.

**Examples of events/programs that enhance education and networking within the diverse segments of agriculture:**

1. Farm-to-Fork Dinner for the elected officials.
2. How-to Meetings: industrial hemp, organic, cover crop, livestock, gardening, etc.
3. Customer Appreciation events to engage the community in a new way and display agriculture**.**
4. Partnering with other organizations with like-goals in mind to involve the community for the betterment of agriculture.
	1. Example: Farm Bureau partnering with local hospital and FFA to provide safety training for first responders, joint annual meeting with other Ag organizations that is targeting the same audience, farmers share breakfast at the local farmers market, etc.
5. Innovative ideas to reach and promote agriculture in a new way.
6. Initiate a new committee within the diverse segments of agriculture.

**Community Grant**

Date:

County:

County Farm Bureau President (signature):

Regional Manager (signature):

1. Describe Program/Activity.
2. What is the outcome or purpose of this program/activity?
3. Date program/activity is expected to take place? Please provide a timeline.
4. Who is the targeted audience and how will you engage them for this program/activity?
5. How many participants do you expect to involve or people do you expect to reach with this program/activity?
6. How did you determine the number of people you will reach with this program/activity?
7. Which of your County Goal(s) as part the Strategic Plan will this program/activity help accomplish?
8. The Community Grants are seed money to help get new programs and activities started. Will this be a one-time program/activity or will it be an ongoing program/activity?
9. Is this an existing program/activity that will be expanded or improved?  If so, please explain the changes/improvements.
10. Is this a program/activity that could be shared and conducted in other counties?
11. Will any other organizations, groups, or companies contribute toward the program/activity? (list expected amounts)
12. How many volunteers do you expect to involve in helping with this program/activity?
13. Are there any additional resources that may be helpful for this program/activity? (Example: marketing materials, public policy team input, legal team advice, etc.)
14. Briefly describe the most important reason you feel this program/activity should receive a Community Grant?
15. Please list any additional supporting information not included in the above questions. (Limited to 150 words)
16. Amount of money requested from IFB for this program/activity. (Maximum $1500)

Proposed budget:

All funds available as of April 1, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Indiana Farm Bureau Strategic Plan**:

1. Create and promote a positive image of agriculture “Tell our story.”

2. Create a positive member experience.

3. Grow membership in a consistent and sustainable way.

4. Continue successful advocacy efforts at all levels.

5. Improve awareness of Indiana Farm Bureau as a valuable resource.