**Farm Transition Grant 2023
New Farmer Micro Grant Narrative**

The **New Farmer Micro Grant** aims to support new individuals/partnerships who have one full year to three years of production history and are seeking long-term careers that financially support them through farming and agriculture.

The following questions will be asked on the Farm Transition Grant application. It is recommended that you type your answers using Microsoft Word, or other word processing application, and then copy and paste your final answers into the spaces provided on the application.

Please answer the following questions regarding the project for which you are applying.

1. **Background** – Please provide a summary of the farming or agricultural experience you have.
2. **Introduction** – Introduce your business to the reviewers. Include information such as:
	1. How long you’ve been in business. (One to three years of production history is required to apply. You must also submit a crop plan.)
	2. An overview of what you produce and how many acres are in production on your farm. How/why that has changed over time?
	3. Summary of future project and business plans.
3. **Project Explanation** – Explain the project you wish to complete. Be sure your explanation answers the following.
	1. What would you like to purchase with grant funds?
	2. Describe how this purchase will impact your farm.
	3. How do you predict the completion of this project will impact your business for the next three to five (or more) years?
4. **Project Outcome or Impact** – Identify at least one outcome you strive to achieve upon completing this project. Include three steps you will take to achieve this outcome. Be clear on how you will measure or achieve the goal.

An *outcome* is defined as a quantifiable result and is usually accomplished after the project is done.

*Example:* There will be a 7% increase in sales in 2020 by drawing new customers to the farm as a result of building the new retail farm store.

1. **Project Summary and Conclusions** – Summarize the key points of this project and how it will transform your business.