

NATIONAL PROJECT OVERVIEW, GOALS, & EXPECTATIONS

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THE NATIONAL URBAN AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE

BRIDGING THE GAP FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE

Project Goal:

Serve as the national pilot program training lead focused on developing tools and skills needed for USDA to assist the needs of urban producers and for urban producers to be able access and utilize FSA and other USDA programs and services effectively



Urban service centers being set up to serve urban areas include FSA, NRCS, and Urban County Committees.

The Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) competitive grants program supports a wide range of activities through planning and implementation projects as a part of the broad USDA investment in urban agriculture.





National Project Overview

SUPPORT

USDA Staff & County Committee Members

Pilot Cooperators & Urban Producers

Train-the-trainer series — educating FSA on urban agriculture, food systems, stakeholder engagement, etc.

Tool kit developed with valuable information and resources

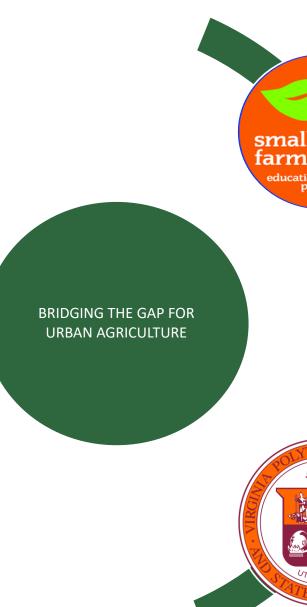
Policy recommendations for FSA programming

Technical assistance mediating any FSA or programming needs

Develop national toolkit with resources received from cooperators

National learning exchanges developing relationships, important dialog, and issue resolution





Project Management

- Coordinate project events
- Create relationships with Cooperators, UCOC, and FSA staff
 - Provide technical assistance/ mediate needs
 - Assist in developing toolkits
 - Ensure deliverables are being met
 - Collect quarterly reports from FSA, Cooperators, VT, and Cornell

Training

- 10 module train-the-trainer series educating FSA on urban agriculture, food systems, stakeholder engagement, etc.
- Collaborative input from cooperators and local experts
- Reporting on training Participant information, feedback, etc.

Evaluation

- Cooperator Surveys Pre/post event surveys
- Implement series of online national learning exchanges
- Use project data to assist in recommendations
- Overall end of project report

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Building a flying plane

NUag in your city

Enjoy the conference!!

