



## **Submitting Grant Applications to the AGCO Agriculture Foundation (AAF)**

### **Introduction**

The [AGCO Agriculture Foundation](#) (AAF) is accepting grant applications for the 2022 granting cycle through our Community Investment software partner, Benevity. The goal is to identify non-profit organizations with new project proposals which combine various sustainable methods to tackle the specific climate change-related challenges of today's farming communities. The climate smart agricultural projects should work towards improving farmer productivity, and as a result, livelihoods; making farms more resilient to climate impacts they're currently facing, and to those likely to hit in the future.

The goal of the AAF's grant funding for this cycle is to provide resources to initiate and implement projects that promote sustainable climate solutions for farmers and the agricultural sector which benefits economies while also strengthening community development. Refer to our About ["Climate Action" in the context of Agriculture](#) for more information.

Learn more about the application process and grant eligibility below.

### **Grant Application Platform and Timeline**

The AAF is accepting grants through the [Benevity application portal](#). This grant application cycle will be open from February 21st to March 30th 2022.

Though, AAF can make changes to extend the deadline of the application cycle. Please note that applications received after the indicated deadlines will not be considered. Notification of a funding award should take approximately 2 months.

## Eligibility

The AGCO Agriculture Foundation is seeking to support projects on “**Climate Action in the agricultural context**” that align with our thematic focus areas:

### **Nutrition & Sustainable Food Systems:**

Food Security, Animal Welfare, Climate Action

### **Agricultural Education & Innovation:**

Advancement of quality Education, Research and Innovation in Agriculture

### **Community Development:**

Advancement of community, particularly development in AGCO communities (include Humanitarian Relief and Climate Action, Volunteering and Skill-based volunteering)

Learn more about our [focus areas and projects](#).

Non-profit organizations that are registered and recognized as charitable organizations under the law and working in farming communities are eligible to apply for grant funding. As part of the application process, applicants are expected to provide a certificate of non-for-profit registration in order to be considered for a grant. For the approval process, AAF may reach out for clarification and further documentation on non-profit status if required.

The AAF does not fund activities or programs to benefit:

- Individual for profit organizations (hospitals, hospice programs, etc.)
- Political, religious, labor or fraternal organizations
- Individuals and their personal fundraising efforts
- Groups seeking education, travel or conventions
- Sporting leagues, youth or adult sports teams, clubs, golf tournaments or similar one-off events
- Sales related, marketing, or customer requested fundraising campaigns.
- Schools (unless non-for-profit registered), school districts, individual students, alumni associations, school or parent organizations and activities.

## Application Review Process

Upon submission of applications to the grant application portal, an email notification will be sent to applicants confirming the receipt of submission. The AAF team will review each submission in the initial review process and send updates via email to inform applicants on their status or to notify if any additional information is required. All automated emails will be sent from an inbox that cannot receive replies. In some cases,

the AAF may reach out to applicants to arrange a follow-up call to seek clarity. Only completed applications which meet our eligibility criteria will be processed for final review and grant decisions. The review process should take approximately 2 months.

It is highly recommended that applications for funding are submitted as soon as the application cycle opens.

### **Approved Applications**

If an application is approved, the applicant will receive an email notification with the approved grant amount and next steps. The AAF will set-up an introductory call to agree on the final project proposal, including key activities, timeline, funding method, and other expectations.

In most cases, the funding recipient and the AAF will develop a grant agreement (MoU) together with the organizations' legal department. This document will outline all the information and obligations in relation to the grant award. The grant agreement will be signed by both parties before the approved grant is disbursed.

If an application is not selected, applicants will be notified by email as well. Given the expected number of applications received, the AAF **will NOT** be able to provide specific or individual feedback on why applications were unsuccessful.

### **Impact Reporting**

All information related to reporting of activities and use of funds will be provided by the successful applicants. Selected applicants will provide full impact reports and communications plans as part of the grant agreement.

Follow-up surveys may be sent to applicants with approved requests. Kindly note that completing the survey will help us improve, build a better user experience, and deliver the best possible service to our intending grantees and partners.

### **Contact**

Should you have any concern or are in need of any assistance, reach out to us via the [Contact Form](#). For technical support, email [grantsupport@benevity.com](mailto:grantsupport@benevity.com).