



Mini-grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General:

How can I improve my chances of being funded?

- Have a clear project focused on childhood agricultural safety or health.
- Address one or more of the national priority areas.
- Collaborate with individuals who have expertise in an area where you may be weak (e.g. survey development, evaluation, child development); contact the NCCRAHS or your regional NIOSH Agricultural Center for suggestions.
- Include evaluation: how will you know/can you show that the desired objectives have been achieved?
- Have reasonable expectations about what you can accomplish in one year.
- Have an external reviewer look over your proposal before submitting it.
- Follow the review criteria listed on the Call for Proposals.

Eligibility:

I am a student; can I apply for a mini-grant?

- No. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be formally employed or otherwise affiliated with the identified organization.

I have been working in child agricultural safety for a long time. Can I apply for a mini-grant?

- No. Senior/tenured researchers are not eligible to submit an application as Principal Investigators. Junior faculty still building their expertise in childhood agricultural health and safety are encouraged to apply.

If I applied in a previous year and was not funded, can I apply again this year?

- Yes. You may submit a new or substantially revised project if you have previously applied. Resubmissions of previously unfunded projects should address all areas of concern from the last submission.

If I applied and was successful in a prior year, can I be funded again?

- Yes. You may submit a new project proposal. Projects from previously funded investigators must be substantially different from prior funded work.

If I am successful with the pilot project I am proposing, can I apply next year for funds to continue the project?

- No. You must find other sources of funding to continue the project.

Application process:

Can I include my (video, podcast, Flickr album, etc.) as an appendix?

- Yes. You may include a link (URL) to any available digital media or site which is relevant. However, reviewers are not required to visit such links in their review process.

Can I include our 60 page handbook as an appendix?

- No. The 10 page limit for appendices is firm. Proposals and appendices which exceed page limits will be returned. Consider having longer materials hosted on a website accessible via a link (URL) on the Internet (see note above).

Institutional requirements:

Will I have to submit my proposal to an Institutional Review Board (IRB)?

- If your project qualifies as human subjects research, you will need to receive IRB approval for your project. You do not need to submit your project for IRB approval until after you have been notified that your project has been funded. Funds will be released after approval is granted through your institution's IRB.
- If you are not sure if your project qualifies as human subjects research, please review the NIH guidelines. One place to begin is:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/hs/faqs.htm>

If you have questions not answered by the FAQ page:

For programmatic questions (priority topics, fundable ideas, potential collaborators), please contact Marsha Salzwedel, M.S., email salzwedel.marsha@mcrf.mfldclin.edu or phone: 800-662-6900.

For questions regarding the funding process (e.g. budgets), please contact Marlene Stueland, email stueland.marlene@mcrf.mfldclin.edu or phone 800-662-6900.