

University of Mount Olive AgPrime Grant Opportunity for Individual Farm Operations

We are pleased to announce a unique opportunity for individual farm operations in the Montgomery County region. The University of Mount Olive (UMO) and N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund (NCTTFC) is accepting project proposals for the AgPrime Grant—an initiative designed to support and enhance local agricultural endeavors that will increase farm profits.

Grant Overview

1. Proposals up to \$10,000 will be considered; applicants must provide at least 10% of the grant award as a cash match. Applicants must be N.C. residents from eligible counties who are agriculturally dependent and have viable ideas for new and innovative agricultural projects
2. Obtain letters of support from agricultural entities. Eg. Cooperative Extension, NCDA&CS, FSA, NCRS, etc.
3. Communicate with UMO Project Personnel prior, during and after the project; keeping and providing requested records
4. Plan a public educational event to demonstrate knowledge gained to other farmers.
5. **Apply by 5:00 PM Dec. 15, 2023; complete project by Oct. 1, 2024.**

Priority will be given to applicants who earn at least 50% of their income from farming operations, are current or past tobacco farmers, and have not received funds previously from NCTTFC or NCTTFC supported organizations.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Montgomery County can provide support to applicants with the application process as well as post-project educational delivery. For more information, call Owen Washam, Horticulture and Forestry Agent, at (910) 576-6011 or owen_washam@ncsu.edu.

