



Microgrant Application Form

The Prairie Food System Vision Network is inviting applications for microgrants to further our vision for the transformation of prairie food systems.

Mission/Vision Statement:

To identify, encourage, and support a range of solutions contributing to health, justice, sustainability, and food sovereignty in the prairie biome and reinforce this emergent movement by articulating a broad vision of social-ecological transformation. We collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders – farmers, Indigenous communities, new immigrant communities, non-profits, the energy sector, and governments – to encourage ongoing discussion about food systems and societal change from diverse viewpoints.

We provide education, empowerment and support to individual, community and institutional stakeholders who align with our vision to facilitate movement of the whole community forward in one powerful, harmonious effort. We infuse all strategies with the need to transform our society in the spirit of *kwayēskastasowin wâhkôhtowin* – “making things right by recognizing the interconnectivity of all things”.

Background:

The [Prairie Food System Vision Network's](#) (PFVSN) microgrant program offers a simple, straightforward approach to the funding application process, as well as reporting and evaluation.

Grant Value:

Up to \$10,000 per project.

PFVSN is seeking grant proposals that support the following objectives:

- To provide primary or supplementary funding to groups or individuals for projects that support food system change in the Prairie Region (for example, food security, food sovereignty, agroecology, environmental sustainability, community development, capacity building, and employment in their community). Project outcomes should also help further the PFVSN mission/vision statement.
- Project results that create valuable information to be disseminated and shared through our communication channels (e.g. website and newsletter, for educational purposes and real time reference for interested individuals or groups to better understand and share our vision).
- Create a channel for future external investment into the Microgrant Project enabling others to invest in our ongoing success.

Please complete the following questions keeping your responses within the word count. It can be helpful to read through all the questions before you start writing your proposal.

1 Are you applying for a grant as an individual or organization?

2 Contact information

Name:

Organization Name (if applicable):

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number: **Cell Number:**

Website (if applicable):

Social Media Handles (if applicable):

3 Project coordinator contact information (if different from above).

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number: **Cell Number:**

Website (if applicable):

Social Media Handles (if applicable):

4 Provide your individual or organizational background and goals. (Maximum 150 words)

5 **Provide a clear descriptive title for your proposed project. (Maximum 15 words)**

6 **Who are your project’s beneficiaries (i.e. youth, women, Indigenous peoples, rural community or association, urban community or association, institution, neighbourhood)? Does your project contribute to processes of reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples? Please explain. (Maximum 250 words)**

7 **Is your project a pilot project (an initial small-scale project to be used to prove the viability in order to pursue a larger scale project) or part of an existing, ongoing project? (Maximum 100 words)**

8 **Write a brief description of your project (maximum 350 words). Include in your description:**

- **the challenge, community problem or knowledge gap that you have identified and how the project intends to address it;**
- **the originality and value of the project;**
- **explain how the project goal is realistic and attainable;**
- **explain how your project contributes to food security, food sovereignty, agroecology, environmental sustainability, community development, capacity building or employment; and**
- **education or research component (e.g. demonstration plots) if applicable.**

Project Description Continued

9 If your application is successful, how will the grant contribute to strengthening your individual, community or organization’s overall purpose, long-term goals or outcomes?
(Maximum 250 words)

10 List any partners you will be working with to deliver this project, their role and your relationship with them. *(Maximum 150 words)*

11 How much funding are you requesting? Specify any matching funding or other potential funding associated with the project. Will you receive any in-kind contributions?
(Maximum 200 words).

12 Budget

Complete the budget table below for your project. For each budget line provide an explanation of how the money will be used to achieve the project deliverables.

| Project Budget | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Staff Costs/Personnel | |
| Consultants/Subcontracts | |
| Travel | |
| Equipment | |
| Office expenses/supplies | |
| Communications/publications | |
| Meetings/conferences | |
| Evaluation | |
| Other project expenses | |
| Total | |

Budget Explanation (Maximum 250 words)

13 Provide a project plan with a timeline for completing the project (projects should be completed in 24 months). (Maximum 250 words)

- 14 Identify the results you anticipate achieving by the end of the project and how you intend to evaluate and report on the project results. Also describe the anticipated longer term consequences or impacts anticipated as a result of your project's activities? Impacts can be associated with health and well-being, economic, social, cultural, environmental, technological, agricultural, etc. Reporting can include quantitative data, products or objects produced, improvement to processes, identifying skills learned, interview notes, a video or story. *(Maximum 350 words)*

To learn more about the PFSVN we invite you to explore our [vision document](#) and our [prairie food systems map](#).

For more information or to discuss your application before submitting your form contact please email: prairiefoodvision@gmail.com

Microgrant applications will be accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit completed applications to:

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