**Financial Relief for Farmers through HoCo RISE**

**Howard County Business Grants**

**Grant applications OPEN 7:00am on June 11th and will CLOSE 11:59pm on June 17th, 2020**

**PURPOSE**: The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to Howard County businesses and **FARMERS** that have been most impacted, directly or indirectly, by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Because of the limited funding available, eligible sectors have been identified and the grant formula is intended to distribute to all qualified businesses and **FARMERS**. These funds are available through the Federal CARES Act, and have been provided to Howard County to assist with business/farm losses experienced as a result of the shutdowns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Howard County is providing $750K to the agricultural community through this program.

Farm Grant information as follows:

Full or part-time farmers qualify. Farm must be a minimum of 3 (three) acres and have earned income from farming over the last year to qualify.

Here is the information a farm owner needs to provide:

1. Complete an application on the Howard County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) website:

[www.hceda.org](http://www.hceda.org), then go to: Coronavirus Information Portal 🡪 HoCo Rise Howard County Business Assistance Grants 🡪 Farm Grant Application

1. **If you answer “no” to any of the six preliminary qualification questions on the application, you may not be eligible for the funding.**
2. Upload appropriate Tax Information**.**

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| OWNERSHIP | TAX FORM | PAGE(S) NEEDED | LOCATION OF NAICS CODE |
| Sole Proprietor- FARM | Form 1040 or 1040-SR Profit or Loss From Farming | Schedule C or Schedule F | Box ‘B’ |
| Partnership | Form 1065, U.S. Return of Partnership Income | PAGE 1 ONLY | Box ‘B’ |
| Corporation | Form 1120, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return | PAGE 1 and;  PAGE 4 Schedule K | PAGE 4- Line 2a |
| S-Corporation | Form 1120-S, U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation | PAGE 1 ONLY | Box ‘B’ |

1. Complete a W-9, sign the form, then upload (scan or take a picture with cell phone).

**If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Kathy Johnson: kljohnson@hceda.org**

**The deadline to submit an application and required documentation is 11:59pm on June 17th, 2020**