

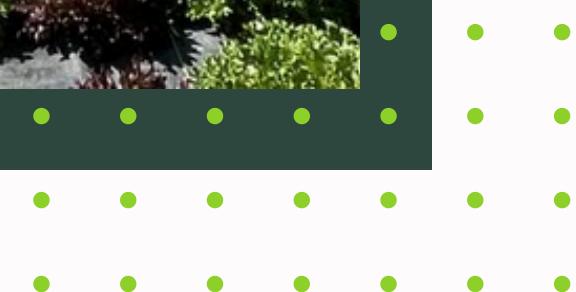


# Grow Local Support Informational Session and Q&A



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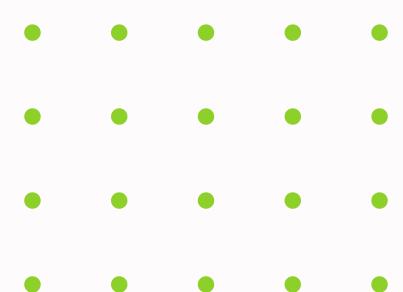


# Partners

OKLAHOMA  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION

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**Chickasaw**  
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STATE COLLEGE

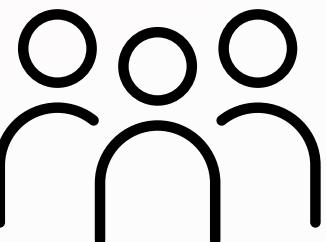


# SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA URBAN & SMALL FARM HUB



## Location

The Farm Hub will be housed at Murray State College in Ardmore and conduct work throughout the Chickasaw Nation Treaty Territory.



## Staff

Three staff members will be housed at this office. One from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, one from the Chickasaw Nation and one from Murray State College.



## Objective

The hub will provide technical and financial assistance, farm planning, educational training, a local fresh food market, and an educational teaching kitchen. More information about the market, training, and kitchen will be announced on the hub.



# Farm Hub Values

Assist farmers and community members by serving as a resource site and centralized place to receive support and education.

Increase the availability of fresh, nutrient-dense foods, by supporting local production and connecting producers to local markets.

Assist farmers with expanding farming operations and implementing regenerative practices in urban and small-scale agriculture areas.

Increase knowledge, awareness, and participation in FSA, NRCS and state- led programs and services associated with local food production and related conservation.

Increase understanding of urban and small-scale agriculture in the Chickasaw Nation Treaty Territory.

# What is Urban and Small-Scale?

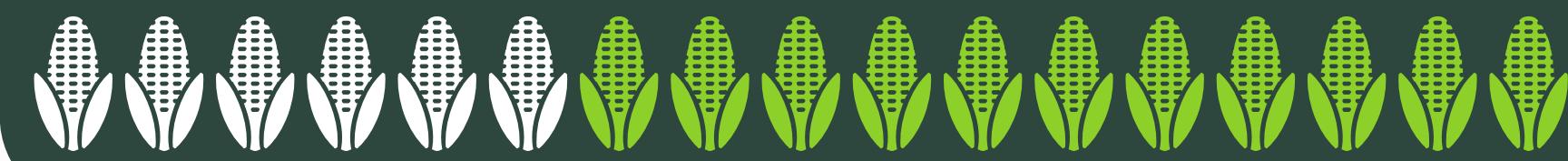
## URBAN

Urban Agriculture – Urban agriculture includes the cultivation, processing, and distribution of food and agricultural products within urban, suburban, small town, and tribal communities. It encompasses a wide range of systems—including community gardens, rooftop farms, hydroponic, aeroponic, and aquaponic systems, and vertical farming. Regardless of scale or setting, any operation actively contributing to their local food system through growing or producing food is considered part of urban agriculture.



## SMALL - SCALE

a farm with annual gross cash farm income (GCFI) under \$350,000.



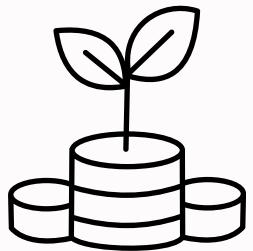
A person with long, dark hair tied back is working in a greenhouse. They are wearing a light-colored t-shirt and are focused on their task. The greenhouse is filled with various plants growing in pots and a large seedling tray. The lighting is bright, coming from the windows of the greenhouse, creating a warm and productive atmosphere.

# THE GROW LOCAL SUPPORT FUND

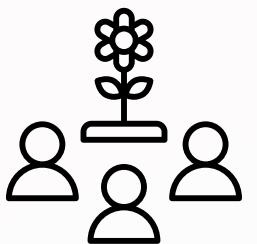
Financial assistance program administered by  
the Farm Hub

# OUTCOMES

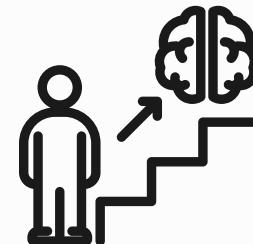
Support urban and small-scale producers in strengthening local food systems



**Increasing producer capacity to grow food, expand operations, implement regenerative practices, and improve long-term sustainability.**



**Expanding access to fresh, healthy food within local communities.**



**Producing educational materials related to the benefits of local food production.**

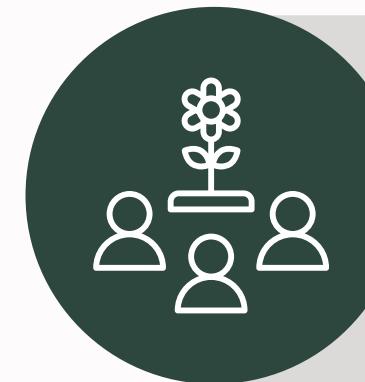


**Advancing current local food production efforts within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory.**

# Example Projects



Expanding or improving growing systems by installing raised beds, irrigation, rainwater catchment, or buying cover crop seed.



Creating or enhancing community food gardens that are actively managed by a group or organization.



Producing educational materials related to the benefits of local food production.



Upgrading infrastructure such as seed starting supplies, equipment for bed prep, materials for wash pack stations or cold storage.

# Eligibility

**01**

The project aligns with the goals of the Grow Local Support Fund and supports resilient, community-based food systems and be located within the Chickasaw Nation.

**02**

The applicant is currently active in urban/small-scale farming.

**03**

Project must not trigger the site-specific USDA Environmental review process.

**04**

The budget does not include costs for the purchasing of land, livestock, vehicles or the repayment of loans

# Award

**01**

Project awarded amount between \$500 and \$8,000

**02**

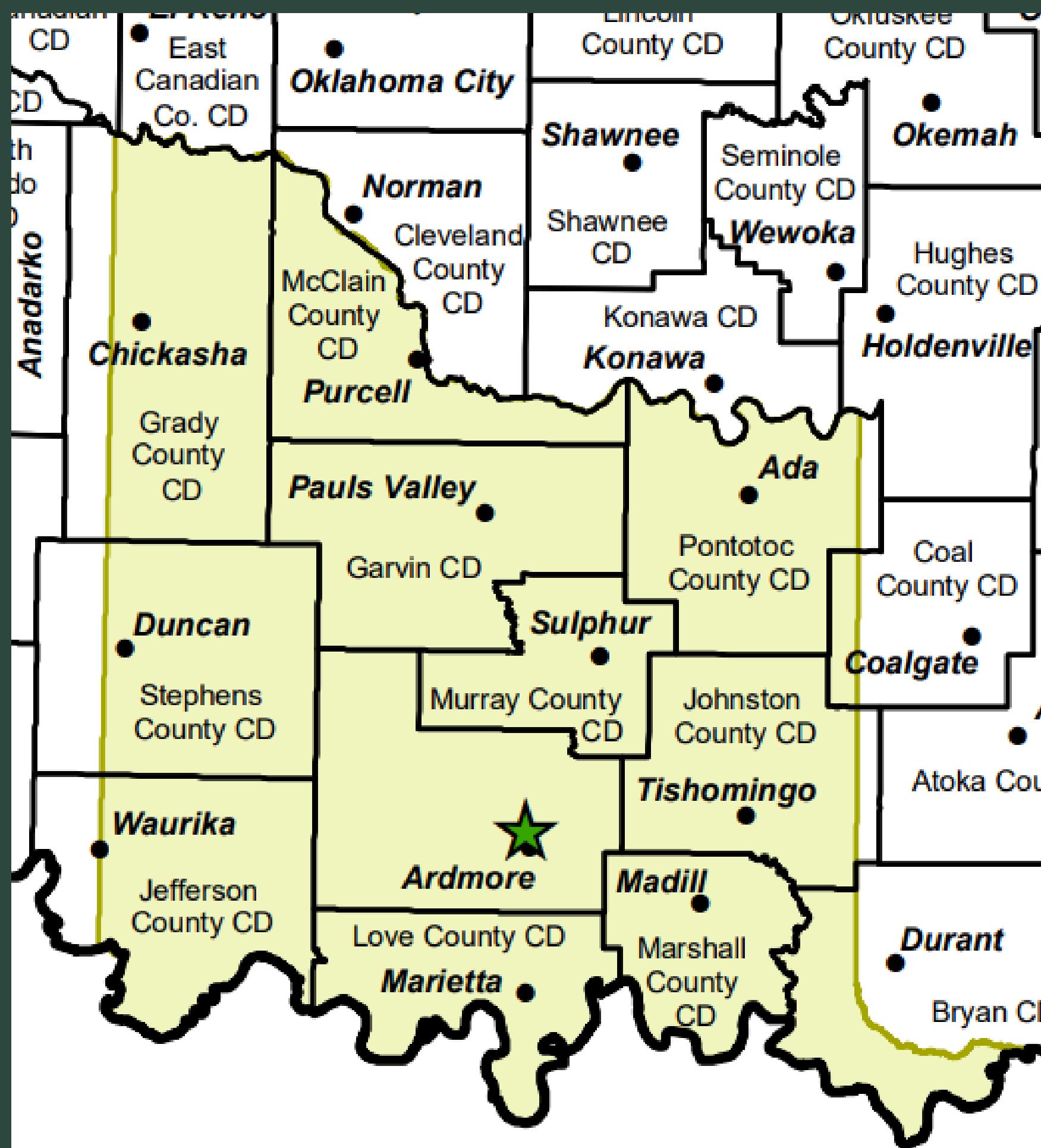
A conservation plan developed by the assigned technician in partnership with their local conservation district and the Urban and Small-Scale Agriculture Hub.

**03**

A membership to the Urban and Small Farm Hub, which includes access to technical support, educational resources, and networking opportunities.

**04**

Assistance in obtaining a USDA farm number



## Proposal Cover Sheet

Total Amount Requested (\$500-\$8,000):

Name of Applicant (e.g., Organization, Farm Business, Tribal Entity):

501(c)(3) Status, if applicable (yes or no):

Project Contact (list one person as primary contact):

- Name:
- Mailing Address:
- Project Address (if different from mailing):
- Lat/Long of Project:
- Phone:
- E-mail:
- Website (if applicable):

Is this farm or property currently enrolled in any cost share or financial assistance programs? If so, please list below and describe the work that is being funded:

Do you have control of the property that this project will impact for the next 3 years?

Yes     No

Do you consider your agricultural operation to be:

Full time     Part time

Which of the following best characterizes your agricultural project?

<input type="checkbox"/> Start up	<input type="checkbox"/> Diversification of agricultural activity
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of current operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

How long have you owned, leased or performed work on the farm which this project will impact?

<input type="checkbox"/> Have not bought or leased yet	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 years
<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 year	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 years
	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more years

*If you are not the landowner, the applicant must provide a properly executed consent form (provided) from the landowner.*

## Proposal Narrative Template

Please address each of the following sections in your proposal narrative. Use clear and concise language to help reviewers understand your goals, community impact, and how this project builds on your existing efforts.

1. Describe your current operation. What are you currently growing, typical yield(s), how much space are you growing on?

2. Briefly describe your project. Describe the steps you will take to complete your project. You may include a timeline, activities or milestones you expect to reach:

3. Who will benefit from this project? Describe the community you serve and explain where the food you grow is distributed:

4. How will the project improve or grow your existing operation? What new capacity will it help create?

5. In what ways does your project align with the goals of the Urban and Small Farm Hub (see page 4). Explain how it supports local food access, producer sustainability, or regenerative practices:

6. How will this help you or your community in the next year? What about in 5 or 10 years?

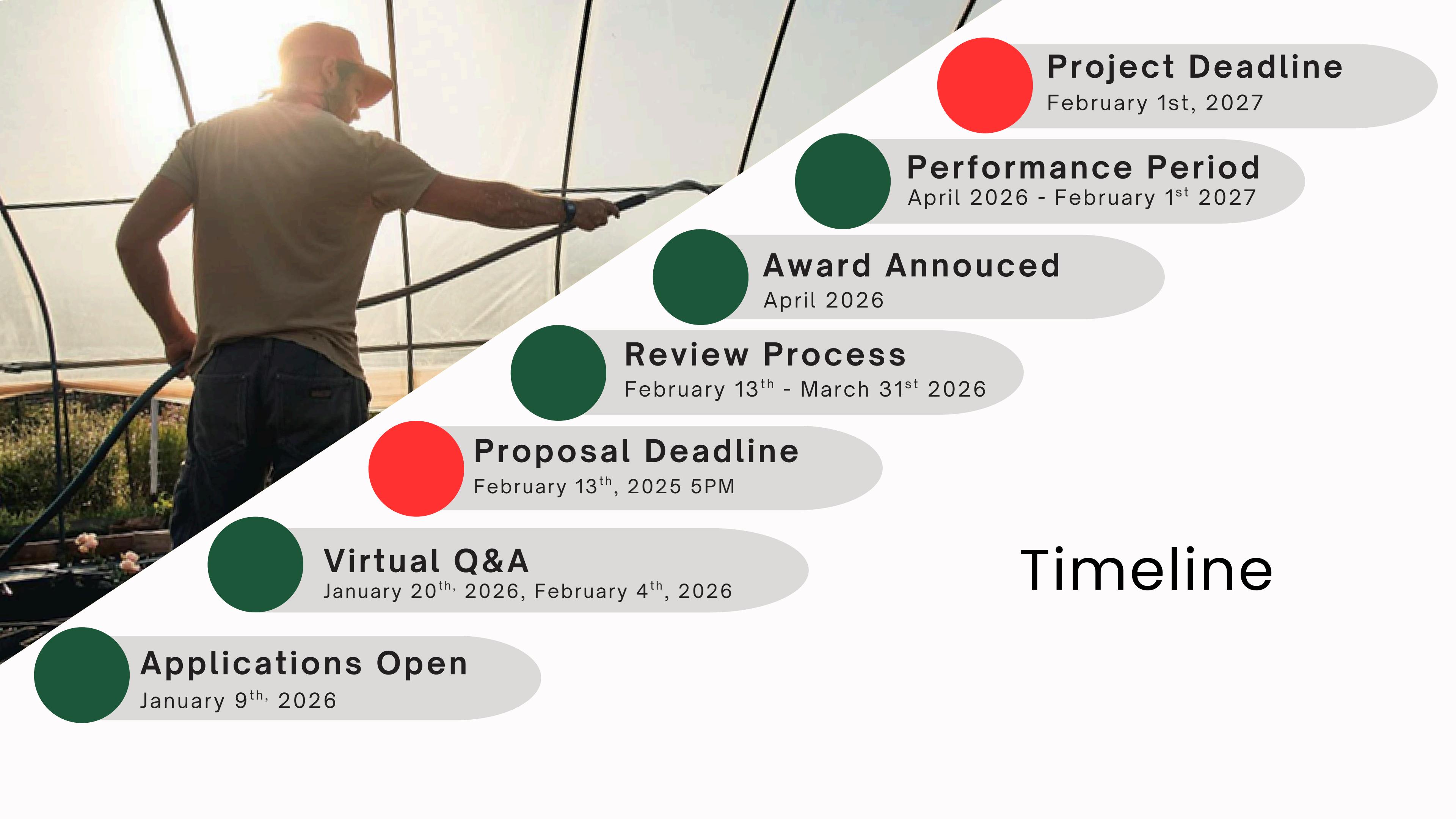
### Proposal Budget

Justifications are required to explain expenses and show why they are necessary for this project.

*Total expenses must be a minimum of \$500 and cannot exceed \$3,000*

### Budget Summary

Expense Category	# of Units	Unit Cost	Total	Budget Justification - Justifications are required to explain these expenses and show why they are necessary for this project.
Equipment (rental, lease, or purchase)				
Plants and materials				
Supplies				
Contractual Labor				
Other				
<b>Total Cost</b>				



# SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA URBAN & SMALL FARM HUB CONTACT



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# THANK YOU

**Question?**

