

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 04/08/25 ☒ Consent ☐ Regular
 ☐ Workshop ☐ Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Cooperative Extension Service

Submitted For: Agricultural Economic Development

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a Grant Agreement (Agreement) with the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 from Agricultural Economic Development Program funds to assist in conducting the 2025 Palm Beach County (County) Sweet Corn Fiesta (Sweet Corn Fiesta).

Summary: The 2025 Sweet Corn Fiesta will be held on April 27, 2025. This Agreement allows for reimbursement of expenses incurred after December 1, 2024. This event will increase public awareness of the County's agriculture, regionally and statewide. It provides an opportunity for a local agricultural organization, the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau (Farm Bureau), to stage an event that will make residents and visitors more aware of the economic significance of the largest vegetable row crop in the County's billion-dollar agricultural industry. This is the 25th year for the event. The Palm Beach County Agricultural Enhancement Council has reviewed and approved the request after meeting with representatives of the Farm Bureau. Countywide. (AH)

Background and Justification: Annual sweet corn production in the Everglades Agricultural Area exceeds 25,000 acres. The County produces more fresh sweet corn than any other county in the United States. In response to flat wholesale corn prices in the past, the County's corn growers have made major capital investments to vertically integrate this industry within the County. This vertically integrated process has resulted in direct and significant increases in industry employment. The \$30,000 grant will assist the Farm Bureau with expenses related to the Sweet Corn Fiesta.

Attachments:

- 1. Grant Agreement
- 2. Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau Original Request

Recommended By:  3/26/2025
 Department Director Date

Approved By:  4/2/25
 Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs	\$30,000				
External Revenues					
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	\$30,000				
#ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes X No
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No X
Does this item include the use of state funds? Yes No X

Budget Account No:

Fund Agency Organization Object
0001 310 1700 3401

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

ECB

III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Lisa Munte 3/19/25
OFMB
MD 3/19

Brandy Brach 3/24/25
Contract Dev. & Control
26 3.24.25

B. Legal Sufficiency

Anne Delmont 4-1-25
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review

Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 8th day of April, 2025 by and between Palm Beach County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation (Federal I.D. Number 59-0865201), having its principal address at 3019 State Road 15, Belle Glade, Florida 33430, hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the COUNTY to stimulate and encourage the agricultural economic growth in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that providing assistance and support to agriculture is essential to a stronger, more balanced and stable economy in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, GRANTEE wishes to provide assistance and support in agricultural economic growth by participating in the agricultural revitalization of a development region within COUNTY'S geographic boundaries by increasing public awareness of local agriculture of sweet corn; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the GRANTEE is best able to provide such assistance and support; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined it is in the public's best interests to award a grant to the GRANTEE to conduct the 2025 Palm Beach County Sweet Corn Fiesta.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree to the following:

I. RECITALS

The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

II. TERM

This Agreement shall become effective when signed by all parties and approved by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and shall continue in full force and in effect until September 30, 2025, unless otherwise terminated as provided herein. The COUNTY reserves the right to extend this Agreement for good cause. Any extensions shall be in writing and executed by both parties.

III. GRANTEE'S PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS

GRANTEE shall conduct agricultural revitalization activities which includes organizing, financing, implementing, and maintaining the 2025 Sweet Corn Fiesta in Palm Beach County, which will take place at the Palm Beach County Fairgrounds on April 27, 2025 (hereinafter "Project"), as more specifically described in the Project Description, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A. GRANTEE shall complete the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

IV. COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS

COUNTY shall reimburse GRANTEE an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) ("Grant Award") for the Project, provided GRANTEE performs pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In no event shall the reimbursement made to GRANTEE pursuant to this Agreement exceed the Grant Award. GRANTEE agrees that the extent of COUNTY'S responsibility under this Agreement shall be limited solely to funding, as stated herein.

V. PAYMENT PROCEDURES

A. Reimbursement of Eligible Expenses. GRANTEE shall only be entitled to receive the Grant Award as reimbursement of eligible expenses which are directly related to the Project as set forth in Exhibit A. Eligible expenses incurred by GRANTEE after December 1, 2024, will be eligible for reimbursement.

B. Proper Documentation of Expenses. Requests for reimbursement of eligible expenses shall be submitted to COUNTY, and shall be accompanied by paid invoices, checks, payroll records, or such other documentation which is acceptable in form and detail to the COUNTY to provide for verification that the services and/or materials have been performed and/or received by GRANTEE. GRANTEE shall provide COUNTY with any further documents deemed necessary by the COUNTY within seven (7) calendar days of request by the COUNTY. Invoices received from GRANTEE pursuant to this Agreement will be reviewed and approved by the COUNTY to verify that all services have been rendered in conformity with this Agreement. Approved invoices will then be sent to the Finance Department for payment. Invoices will normally be paid within forty-five (45) days following COUNTY approval. In no event shall COUNTY provide advance funding to GRANTEE.

C. Final Invoice. In order for COUNTY and GRANTEE to close their books and records, GRANTEE shall clearly state a final invoice on GRANTEE'S final/last billing to the COUNTY. This shall constitute GRANTEE'S certification that all services have been properly performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to Palm Beach County. Any other charges not properly included on this final invoice are waived by GRANTEE.

D. Reimbursement Deadline. Requests for payment of eligible expenses shall not be honored if received by COUNTY later than August 31, 2025. If GRANTEE fails to submit any requests for payment of eligible expenses by August 31, 2025, then COUNTY'S obligation under this Agreement shall automatically terminate, thereby relieving COUNTY of any future obligations hereunder.

E. Repayment of Funds. GRANTEE shall repay COUNTY for all unauthorized, illegal or unlawful expenditures of funds, including unlawful and/or unauthorized expenditures discovered after the expiration or termination of this Agreement. GRANTEE shall also be liable to repay COUNTY for any lost or stolen funds. Any funds which are to be repaid to COUNTY are to be repaid by delivering to the COUNTY a certified check for the total amount due and payable to the COUNTY, within ten (10) days of the COUNTY'S demand. Nothing contained herein shall act as a limitation of the COUNTY'S right to be repaid, as a waiver of any rights of the COUNTY or exclude the COUNTY from pursuing any other remedy which may be available to it under law or equity.

VI. TERMINATION

COUNTY may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to GRANTEE. Termination of this Agreement by COUNTY shall relieve COUNTY of any further obligation hereunder.

VII. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

This Agreement shall be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce this Agreement shall be held in Palm Beach County. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

VIII. GRANTEE'S DEFAULT

A. **Nature of Default Notice.** In the event GRANTEE fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, COUNTY shall provide GRANTEE with notice detailing the nature of the default, whereupon GRANTEE shall have thirty (30) days within which to cure the default.

B. **Fail to Cure Default.** In the event GRANTEE fails to cure the default within the specified time frame, COUNTY may withhold, temporarily or permanently, all, or any, unpaid portion of the Grant Award upon giving written notice to the GRANTEE; terminate this Agreement; demand a refund of the Grant Award; and the COUNTY shall have no further funding obligation to the GRANTEE under this Agreement. The Effective Date of the termination shall be the date of the notice of termination by COUNTY.

IX. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, REPORTS AND AUDITS

A. COUNTY may have an audit, a financial system analysis and/or an internal fiscal control evaluation of the GRANTEE performed by an independent auditing firm employed by the COUNTY or by the County Internal Auditor, at any time the County deems necessary to determine the capability of the GRANTEE to fiscally manage the Grant Award. Upon completion of all tasks contemplated under this Agreement, copies of all documents and records relating to this Agreement shall be submitted to the COUNTY if requested.

B. GRANTEE shall maintain books, records, and documents to justify all charges, expenses and costs incurred under this Agreement and in performing the Project, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as promulgated by the Government Finance Officers Association from time to time. The COUNTY shall have access to all books, records, and documents as required in this Agreement, and for at least three (3) years after completion of the Project. In the event any work is subcontracted by GRANTEE, GRANTEE shall similarly require each subcontractor to maintain and allow access to such records for audit purposes.

X. PERFORMANCE

The parties expressly agree that time is of the essence with regard to performance hereunder and failure by GRANTEE to complete performance within the times specified, or within a reasonable time if no time is specified herein, shall, at the option of COUNTY, in addition to any other rights or remedies, relieve the COUNTY of any obligation under this Agreement.

XI. INDEMNIFICATION

The GRANTEE shall protect, defend, reimburse, indemnify and hold the COUNTY, its agents, employees and elected officers free and harmless from and against any and all claims, liability, expenses, losses, costs, fines and damages, or causes of action of every kind or character, including attorney's fees, whether at trial or appellate levels or otherwise arising during and as a result of GRANTEE'S performance of the terms of this Agreement or due to the acts or omissions of GRANTEE. The GRANTEE recognizes the broad nature of this indemnification and hold harmless clause, and voluntarily makes this covenant and expressly acknowledges the receipt of

good and valuable consideration provided by the COUNTY in support of this obligation in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. GRANTEE'S aforesaid indemnity and hold harmless obligations shall apply to the fullest extent permitted by law, but in no event shall they apply to liability caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the COUNTY, its respective agents, servants, employees or officers, nor shall the liability limits set forth in section, 768.28 Florida Statutes, be altered or waived due to the foregoing indemnification. This paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

XII. GRANTEE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

GRANTEE shall, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, agree to maintain at all times during the life of this Agreement insurance coverages, limits, including endorsements, as described herein. The requirements contained herein, as well as COUNTY'S review or acceptance of insurance maintained by GRANTEE are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by GRANTEE under this Agreement.

A. Commercial General Liability GRANTEE shall maintain Commercial General Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$500,000 per occurrence. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding Contractual Liability or Cross Liability.

B. Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability GRANTEE shall maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 440.

C. Additional Insured GRANTEE shall endorse the COUNTY as an Additional Insured with CG 2026 Additional Insured - Designated Person or Organization endorsement, or its equivalent, to the Commercial General Liability. The Additional Insured shall read Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

D. Waiver of Subrogation. GRANTEE hereby waives any and all rights of Subrogation against the COUNTY, its officers, employees and agents for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement, then GRANTEE shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which includes a condition to the policy specifically prohibiting such an endorsement, or voids coverage should GRANTEE enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.

E. Certificate(s) of Insurance. Immediately following notification of the award of this Agreement, GRANTEE shall deliver to COUNTY a Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing that all types and amounts of insurance coverages required by this Agreement have been obtained and are in full force and effect. Such certificate(s) shall include a minimum thirty (30) day endeavor to notify due to cancellation or non-renewal of coverage. Certificate Holder shall be:

Palm Beach County
Office of Agricultural Economic Development
559 N Military Trail
West Palm Beach, Florida 33415

F. Right to Review. COUNTY, by and through its Risk Management Department, in cooperation with the Office of Agricultural Economic Development, reserves the right to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the life of this Agreement. COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage because of its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

XIII. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The COUNTY'S performance to pay under this Agreement is subject to the availability of funds lawfully appropriated for its purpose by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.

XIV. NONDISCRIMINATION

The COUNTY is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the GRANTEE warrants and represents that throughout the term of this Agreement, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of this Agreement.

XV. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

GRANTEE is, and shall be, in the performance of all work, services and activities under this Agreement an Independent Contractor and not an employee, agent or servant of COUNTY. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to GRANTEE'S sole direction, supervision, and control. GRANTEE shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects GRANTEE'S relationship and the relationship of its employees to the COUNTY shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of COUNTY.

GRANTEE does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation.

XVI. PERSONNEL

GRANTEE represents that it has or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Agreement. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY.

All of the services required hereinunder shall be performed by GRANTEE or under its supervision, and personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

GRANTEE warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field.

All of GRANTEE'S personnel and all Subcontractors while on COUNTY premises will comply with all COUNTY requirements governing conduct, safety and security.

XVII. ARREARS

GRANTEE shall not pledge the COUNTY'S credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgment, lien, or any form of indebtedness. GRANTEE further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.

XVIII. COMPLIANCE WITH CODES AND LAWS

GRANTEE shall abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws, orders, rules and regulations when performing under this Agreement. GRANTEE further agrees to include this provision in all

subcontracts issued as a result of this Agreement.

XIX. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

As provided in F.S. 287.132-133, as may be amended from time to time, by entering into this Agreement or performing any work in furtherance hereof, GRANTEE shall have its contractors certify that their affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the date hereof. This notice is required by F.S. 287.133 (3)(a).

XX. SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision of this Agreement, is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative, or void, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement, and every other term and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

XXI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The COUNTY and the GRANTEE agree that this Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

XXII. JOINT PREPARATION

The preparation of this Agreement has been a joint effort of the parties, and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial constraint, be construed more severely against one of the parties than the other.

XXIII. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The COUNTY and GRANTEE each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Agreement. Except as above, neither the COUNTY or GRANTEE shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the COUNTY, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the COUNTY and the GRANTEE.

XXIV. HEADINGS

The paragraph headings or captions appearing in this Agreement are for convenience and ease of reference only, are not part of this Agreement, and shall not be construed to define, limit, augment or describe the scope, context or intent of this Agreement or any part or parts of this Agreement.

XXV. MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

Except as expressly permitted herein to the contrary, no modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and equality of dignity herewith.

XXVI. NOTICE

All notices required to be given under this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivery, or other delivery service requiring signed

acceptance. The parties hereby designated the following addresses as the addresses to which notices may be delivered, and delivery to such addresses shall constitute binding notice given to such party:

Ronald Rice
County Extension Director
Cooperative Extension Service
559 N Military Trail
West Palm Beach, Florida 33415
561.233.1712

and if sent to the GRANTEE shall be mailed to:

Ann Holt, Co-Chair
Sweet Corn Fiesta Committee
Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau
3019 State Road 15, Suite 5
Belle Glade, Florida 33430
561.996.0343

Either party may from time to time change the address to which notice under this Agreement shall be given upon three (3) days prior written notice to the other party.

XXVII. INSPECTOR GENERAL

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the GRANTEE, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

XXVIII. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

No provision of this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any citizen or employees of the COUNTY and/or GRANTEE.

XXIX. NON-GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

GRANTEE warrants and represents that it does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section 787.06, Florida Statutes. GRANTEE has executed Exhibit B, Nongovernmental Entity Human Trafficking Affidavit, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(Remainder of this page was left blank intentionally)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY and GRANTEE has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

ATTEST:
Joseph Abruzzo, Clerk of the Circuit Court
& Comptroller

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Maria G. Marino, Mayor

ATTEST:
Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau,
Inc.
Federal I.D. Number 59-0865201

Thomas A. Hatt
Witness

By: Era Webb
Director

Amy McKnight
Witness

Date: 3/18/2025

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
By: Anne Helgert
County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS
By: Ronald W. Rice
Ronald W. Rice
Department Director

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND GRANT UTILIZATION

Project: Palm Beach County leads the United States in the production of fresh sweet corn. With the goal of creating awareness and therefore stimulating and increasing consumer demand for this economically important local industry, the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau has organized the Palm Beach County Sweet Corn Fiesta. This yearly event demographically targets the urban coastal region of the county and the residents of the state as to the importance to Palm Beach County of the corn industry and agriculture in general. Based on our 2024-25 estimates, fresh sweet corn is Palm Beach County’s second largest agricultural crop.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES LIST:

Requested Funding:	\$30,000
Tents	
Corn Expenses	
Advertising	
Trophies and awards/ribbons	
Entertainment and Kids Rides	
TOTAL	\$ 30,000 (Amount requested from PBC)

Site Location: Palm Beach County Fairgrounds

Contact:

Ms. Ann Holt
Sweet Corn Fiesta, Co-Chair
Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau
3019 State Road 15, Belle Glade, FL 33430
Phone: 561.996.0343
Fax: 561.996.9911

CONTRACT EXHIBIT B

NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT
Section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes

THIS AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED

I, the undersigned, am an officer or representative of Western Palm Beach Co Farm Bureau
(Grantee) and attest that Grantee does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in section
787.06, Florida Statutes.

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare and affirm that the above stated facts are true and
correct.

Eva Webb Eva Webb, Director
(signature of officer or representative) (printed name and title of officer or representative)

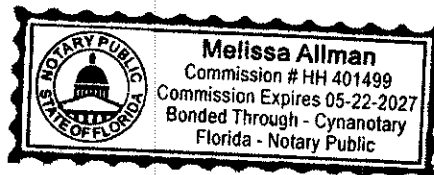
State of Florida, County of Palm Beach

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this, 18
day of March 2025, by Eva Webb.

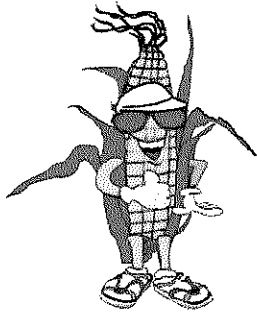
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Type of identification produced _____.

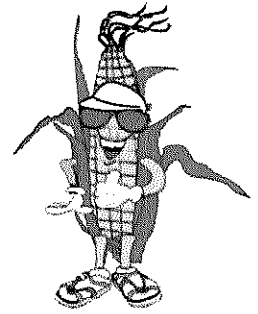
Melissa Allman
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:
State of Florida at large



(Notary Seal)



SWEET CORN FIESTA



**Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau
3019 State Road 15 • Belle Glade, FL 33430
Office (561) 996-0343 • Fax: 561-996-9911**

February 28, 2025

Palm Beach County Agricultural Enhancement Council
Attention: Ron Rice
West Palm Beach, Florida

Re: Grant Proposal Request

On behalf of the Sweet Corn Fiesta Committee and the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau we would like to submit a grant request in the amount of \$30,000 to help with the promotion and expenses of the 25th Annual Sweet Corn Fiesta scheduled for April 27, 2025.

We are sincerely grateful for your support over the years for this one-of-a-kind agricultural event. Because of your continued support we have been able to promote and highlight Palm Beach County Agriculture and help to improve the market for our farmers who grow Sweet Corn as well as other locally grown products. The Sweet Corn Fiesta has helped to build an awareness of what is grown and when it is grown here in Palm Beach County and in South Florida.

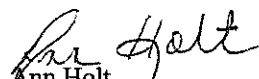
Last year Miki Sudo, for the second time in a row won the National Corn Eating Contest by consuming 56 ears of corn in 12 minutes. Local television stations and newspapers as well as hundreds of people crowded into the competition tent to watch this gastronomic feat. Others meanwhile enjoyed the charming Yesteryear Village ambiance while sampling the many foods vendors sold throughout the village. Youngsters enjoyed the children's rides racing from one ride to another enjoying the fun-filled atmosphere. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the day and the event.

The Sweet Corn Fiesta has built a reputation as not just an affordable family friendly fun day but also as the Kid Friendliest Event of the year. We work hard to provide an affordable but enjoyable Agriculture event for our community.

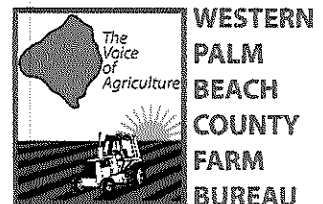
Proceeds from the Sweet Corn Fiesta benefit agricultural education, Future Farmers of America and our Leadership Development programs. We have also been able to help our local soup kitchens and provide two scholarships to local area seniors who will be pursuing studies in agriculturally related fields. In addition, we continue to support our local community groups and schools who are in need.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this grant request, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Ann Holt
Chair


Eva Webb
Co-Chair



2025 Sweet Corn Fiesta Grant Expense List

Requested Funding	\$30,000.00
Tents	
Corn Expense	
Advertising	
Trophies, Awards, Ribbons	
Entertainment	
Total Grant Request	\$30,000.00

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.
THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES LISTED BELOW.

FLORIDA FARM BUREAU INSURANCE COMPANIES P.O. BOX 147030 GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32614-7030	COMPANIES AFFORDING COVERAGES: Company Letter A: Florida Farm Bureau General Ins. Co. Company Letter B: Florida Farm Bureau Casualty Ins. Co.
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURED: WESTERN PALM BEACH CO FARM BUREAU 3019 STATE ROAD 15 STE 5 BELLE GLADE, FL 33430-5354	

The policies of insurance listed below have been issued to the insured named above and are in force at this time. Notwithstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the insurance afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions and conditions of such policies.

CO. LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	ALL LIMITS IN THOUSANDS	
A	GENERAL LIABILITY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY (OCCURRENCE FORM) <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER'S & CONTRACTOR'S PROTECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> FARMER'S PERSONAL LIABILITY	CPP 9521800 17	06/12/2024	06/12/2025	GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ 2,000
					PRODUCTS-COMPLETED OPERATIONS AGGREGATE	\$ 2,000
					PERSONAL & ADVERTISING INJURY	\$ 1,000
					EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 1,000
					FIRE DAMAGE (Any one fire)	\$ 50
					MEDICAL EXPENSE (Any one person)	\$ 5
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT	\$
					BODILY INJURY (Per Person)	\$
					BODILY INJURY (Per Accident)	\$
					PROPERTY DAMAGE	\$
	EXCESS LIABILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA FORM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER THAN UMBRELLA FORM				EACH OCCURRENCE	AGGREGATE
					\$	\$
	EMPLOYERS LIABILITY: <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> FARM EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL					\$ (Each Occurrence)
						\$ (Each Employee)
	OTHER:					\$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES:
SEE FORM CG 20 11 11 85

CANCELLATION: Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing company will endeavor to mail 10 days written notice to the below named certificate holder, but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER: SOUTH FL FAIR & PALM BEACH COUNTY EXPOSITION INC PO BOX 210367 WEST PALM BEACH FL 33421-0367
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County Code 68-1	Date Issued 04/24/2024
Served by WEST PALM BEACH County Farm Bureau	
CHAD BRYAN INSURANCE, LLC	
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
03/12/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER

J.Smith Lanier/Florida Farm Bureau
605 Chestnut St Liberty Tower Ste 500
Chattanooga, TN 37450

CONTACT NAME: Vincent A. Carelli
PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (423) 267-8310
FAX (A/C, No): (423) 267-8065
E-MAIL
ADDRESS:

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURER A: RetailFirst Insurance Company

INSURER B:

INSURER C:

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

INSURER F:

NAIC #
10700

INSURED

Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau, Inc.
3019 State Road 15 Ste 5
Belle Glade, FL 33430-5354

COVERAGES

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSD WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY					EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR					DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$
						MED EXP (Any one person) \$
						PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:					GENERAL AGGREGATE \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC					PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$
	OTHER:					\$
	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY					COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO					BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS					BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY					PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
						\$
	UMBRELLA LIAB	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR				EACH OCCURRENCE \$
	EXCESS LIAB	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE				AGGREGATE \$
	DED <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$					\$
A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY		0520-52689	01/01/2025	01/01/2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER
	ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N				E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000
	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	N/A				E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000
						E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Item 3. A.: Workers Compensation Insurance applies to the Workers Compensation Law of the states listed here: Florida

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

South Florida Fair & Palm Beach County Expositions, Inc.
9067 Southern Blvd
West Palm Beach, FL 33411-3625

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

James Wood