



Saint Croix Foundation

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The Farm-Tienda Grant & Pilot Program was established by St. Croix Foundation for Community Development in partnership with Coca Cola Company in 2019 with the aim of directing philanthropic resources to small agribusiness recovery and revitalization. The goal of the Farm-Tiendas Grant and Pilot Program is to support local farmers as they continue to rebuild from Hurricanes Irma and Maria by providing durable steel container units that can serve as farm stands. The Farm-Tiendas may also be outfitted with solar panels, Wi-Fi and potable water, to allow farmers to stabilize and expand their businesses while also providing community hubs in the aftermath of future storms.

Award Cycle: The Farm-Tienda Grant & Pilot Program will award four (4) eco-friendly steel container farm stands, or Farm-Tiendas, to eligible farmers. Applications must be submitted to the Foundation online beginning April 30, 2019; applications must be submitted by May 31, 2019. Applicants will receive notice by June 30, 2019 and the grant term will begin July 30, 2019. All applications are reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee.

Qualifications: To qualify for the Farm-Tienda Grant & Pilot Program, applicants must:

- ✓ Reside on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
- ✓ Be a Licensed Farmer
- ✓ Proof of Employment Identification Number (EIN). (Internal Revenue Service)
- ✓ Certificate of Good Standing (U.S. Virgin Islands Corporation and Trade Names)
- ✓ Merchant Business Certificate (Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs)
- ✓ Proof of USVI Bank Account
- ✓ Land lease agreement, deed (if applicant owns the land) or if land is not owned nor leased, contract with landowner that reflects relationship of business owner to land.

Requirements/Attachments: Applicants who are granted a Farm-Tienda are required to obtain the following permits, inspections and insurances:

- ✓ Farmers License – must be submitted in online application
- ✓ Construction Permit
- ✓ Use Permit
- ✓ Sanitary License (if applicable)
- ✓ Fire Department Inspection (if applicable)
- ✓ Property insurance quote from an insurance company
- ✓ Liability insurance quote from an insurance company
- ✓ All other documentation/permits that are required by the Virgin Islands law where the Farm-Tienda is going to be located

Reporting: Reports will be required for all successful grantees; St. Croix Foundation will also conduct random site visits during the grant cycle.

Submit your application online at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=scf>

To support and expand this program or for additional information, please contact the Foundation at 340-773-9898.