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2021 BACKYARD FARMER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Applications for this training program may be submitted to the MARKETING DIVISION at VIDA offices or via email at: grants@doa.vi.gov by **March 1, 2021 at 5:00pm AST**.

Before you begin this application, please read the following information:

- The objective** of this program is to increase access and awareness of locally grown crops by providing education & technical assistance to enhance the competitiveness of local specialty crops.
- Eligibility Information:**
 - Application must be submitted by the deadline (March 1, 2021).
 - Space for project must be a minimum of 25' x 25' and a maximum of 50' x 50'.
 - Must have an adequate source of water.

Late applications, applications with missing information, or applications incorrectly submitted will not be considered or accepted.

All **questions** about this application can be submitted via email to info.doa@doa.vi.gov or via phone at (340) 778-0993.



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Applicant Information (please print)

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Is this applicant at least 18 years old? **YES** **NO**

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Farm Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Questionnaire (please print)

1. Please describe the availability and accessibility of water on the property,

2. Please list all available resources (ie. personnel, equipment, materials, etc.) which can be used toward this project.

3. Please describe how you plan to sustain/continue the project's activity once the program ends.

4. Are you willing to accept and use technical advice provided by the UVI Cooperative Extension Service and the VI Department of Agriculture? **YES** **NO**





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a. If not, please describe how you intend to address concerns such as irrigation, fertilization, pests, and other production practices.

5. Are you gainfully employed outside of farming? **YES** **NO**
6. How much time you are willing to spend on the project? _____ hours per week
7. Which of the following best describes your farming activity? (*circle one*) **HOBBY** **BUSINESS**
8. Do you have any farming experience? _____
9. Do you have a valid farmer’s license? **YES** **NO**
10. How much land and/or space do you have to devote to this project? (*circle one*)
- a. **1 acre or more**
 - b. **½ acre or more**
 - c. **100’ x 100’ or more but less than ½ acre**
 - d. **50’ x 50’ or more but less than 100’ x 100’**
 - e. **25’ x 25’ or more but less than 50’ x 50’**

11. Why are you interested in the Backyard Farmer Development Project?

12. Have you ever attended any seminars or taken any courses in farming? **YES** **NO**
- a. If yes, what seminars or courses were taken?

13. Do you have outstanding balances owed to the VI Department of Agriculture? **YES** **NO**
- a. If so, please state the amount you owe and name the product or services received.

14. Are you willing to sign a cooperative agreement between the VI Department of Agriculture and yourself if you are selected as a participant? **YES** **NO**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: March 1, 2021 at 5:00pm AST

