

Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship 2019 Other Sources of Funding

The following list includes grants that are used for general operations and to develop materials and resources used across our 12 state service region and among our partner organizations. Some grants also target specific geographic regions (such as eastern Wisconsin and Michigan) or audiences (such as Organic Valley farmers or Veterans). Funding specifically to support programming in the Otto Bremer Trust region is included in the AgVets and CIG grants.

Funder: Brookby Foundation

Title: Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship (DGA) captures opportunities in a challenging dairy environment

Grant amount: \$160,000, general operations support

Timeframe: Awarded 2019, 1 year

Objectives: 1) continue to grow DGA's partnerships in the Great Lakes States, maintain eastern Wisconsin program and continue building relationship with Michigan State University and Michigan Food and Farming Systems, 2) host a regional symposium of agriculture, environment, and food systems leaders who care about sustainable, family scale dairy to assess the situation and generate innovative, market-based solutions.

Funder: USDA Enhancing Agricultural Opportunities for Military Veterans Competitive Grants Program (AgVets)

Title: Creating a dairy farming career track for military veterans

Grant amount: \$954,434

Timeframe: Awarded 2018, 3 years

Objectives: 1) creating a veteran outreach program including streamlined, veteran specific system of access to DGA program information, 2) providing comprehensive training supported by a peer-network and individualized coaching for veterans engaged with DGA, 3) expanding availability of DGA training to veterans and other candidates in 2 to 4 new states (Minnesota, Michigan, Vermont, Ohio).

Funder: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Innovation Grant

Title: Transferring Innovative Managed Grazing Skills to Historically Underserved Beginning Dairy Producers in the Great Lakes Region through Formal Apprenticeship

Grant amount: \$503,000

Timeframe: Awarded 2017, 3 years

Objectives: 1) Approve at least new 25 Master Dairy Graziers across the Great Lakes States, 2) Enroll 15-20 underserved beginning dairy farmers in the Apprenticeship in target states (Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin) and provide them with comprehensive work-based training in managed-grazing dairy production, 3) Collaborate with Farmer Veterans Coalition to expand farmer training opportunities for veterans, 4) Demonstrate managed grazing as a conservation and production model that provides a path toward a more sustainable agricultural economy for the Great Lakes Region through annual pasture walks on eight approved DGA Master Farm locations, 5) Develop teaching modules on conservation practices to be utilized as part of the on-farm training curriculum, 6) Provide

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financial planning services to at least 20 Masters and 15 Journey Dairy Graziers, 7) Develop two new case studies on use of low-cost innovative managed-grazing systems for improving success of start-up farms for underserved beginning dairy farmers.

Funder: USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program Educational Enhancement Project

Title: Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship: Building Capacity, Curriculum, and Partnerships for Nationwide Work-Based Training of Beginning Dairy Farmers

Grant amount: \$596,625

Timeframe: Awarded 2017, 3 years

Objectives: 1) developing and receiving accreditation for DGA's own related instruction curriculum that is more fully integrated with the unique experiential learning aspects of the apprenticeship, ensuring consistent quality and access nationwide, 2) identifying gaps and training new and existing partner organizations in facilitation of Master-Apprentice relationships and DGA procedures, and 3) providing training to DGA Masters (train the trainer) to improve the Apprentice learning experience and providing ongoing training and resources to DGA Journeyworkers to facilitate their transition to farm ownership.

Funder: USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Professional Development Program

Title: Enhancing the Quality of Work-based Beginning Farmer Training Programs Through Trainer Professional Development

Grant amount: \$74,107

Timeframe: Awarded 2017, 2 years

Objectives: Develop and deliver professional development resources for DGA Masters and other farmers interested in mentoring beginning farmers, including soft skills (mentoring, coaching) and technical training (subject matter content).

Funder: Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative Farmers Advocating for Organics Fund

Title: Mentoring the Next Generation of Organic Dairy Farmers, phase 2

Grant amount: \$44,550

Timeframe: Awarded 2017, 3 years

Objectives: 1) Continue facilitated Master discussion groups in Missouri, New York and Pennsylvania, 2) Establish Master discussion groups in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Maine, Vermont, Iowa, New Jersey, 3) As DGA expands into Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, lay the groundwork for Master discussion groups in those states, 4) Create new Master professional development materials on good employer-employee communications, adult learning styles, and conflict management strategies.