



**Food In** LOUISVILLE  
**Neighborhoods**  
**Community Coalition**

## **Community Land Ownership Micro-Grant Application**

Food in Neighborhoods (FIN) is a community coalition that supports community efforts to build a just, healthy, and sustainable food system in Louisville, Kentucky.

FIN will use available funds to directly support community land ownership. At this time, we have \$2500 in funds available. Individual applications are eligible for \$500 and will be accepted on a rolling basis to be reviewed on the first of each month until funds are spent. After this initial amount is awarded, FIN's intention is to continue raising money in order to fund more projects.

Food In Neighborhoods is committed to assist awardees in navigating the process for obtaining land in a timely fashion. We have put together a guide to accessing vacant land, and it is available on our website: [Getting Land | Food in Neighborhoods](#) We also encourage applicants to connect with us via email: [finlouisville@gmail.com](mailto:finlouisville@gmail.com)

We will prioritize the following applications:

- Applications from BIPOC (People identifying as Black, Indigenous, Latinx, or Person of Color)
- Projects in South and West Louisville
- Projects that address food security and/or food justice in some way (through food growing and/or distribution)

Applicants may receive funding once per calendar year. Priority will be given to first-time applicants

**Instructions:** *Please download and complete this application and return an electronic copy via email to [finlouisville@gmail.com](mailto:finlouisville@gmail.com). If you would prefer to submit a hard copy, please email [finlouisville@gmail.com](mailto:finlouisville@gmail.com) to coordinate that. Feel free to reach out with any questions!*

## **PART 1: Contact Information**

1. Name:
2. Phone Number:
3. Email Address:
4. Home Address:
5. Do you identify as Black, Indigenous, Latin-x, or a Person of Color (Yes/No)?

## **PART 2: Project Information**

6. Address of property you want to lease/purchase.
7. Is this property part of the Landbank or for sale by a private owner?
8. Funding amount requested and brief description of how the funds will be used.
9. Briefly describe how you intend to use the property.
10. Are you planning to grow food on the property? Do you plan to distribute or market any of the food you produce?
11. Do you have any other partners involved in this project? Please explain.
12. What is your plan for long-term maintenance of the property? How will you keep the area neat and free of code violations?
13. Please attach your business plan (if applicable). *(We aren't looking for 20 pages--Many startup businesses use a "Business Model Canvas" outline--[like this one](#))*
14. Will you offer Food in Neighborhoods permission to share photos and information about your project if we award you a grant (Yes/No)?

*The following section only applies to projects seeking to access land through the Landbank and is intended to facilitate FIN's on-going support of applicants.*

## **PART 3: Mock Application to Landbank**

Below is what you will have to turn in to the Landbank to purchase property. Please attach a mock application that includes as much of the following information as possible.

- Project Description
- Company/Organization Description
  - For-profit, Non-profit, or Other?
  - Mission & History
- Improvement specifications – Detail the repairs that need to be completed, estimated costs, and contractor name
- Estimated project budget including:
  - Operating costs for initial 3-year term
  - Staked survey completed by a licensed surveyor
  - Soil test
    - *Nutrient and lead tests are available for free with a voucher:*  
<https://jefferson.ca.uky.edu/content/soil-tests>
  - Availability of water
    - *Including opportunities for water catchment. You can see nearby water lines at <https://www.lojic.org/lojic-online>. Call 811 to ask to have utilities marked on the property*
  - Insurance
    - *Ask insurance agencies for quotes for General Liability insurance if you're selling produce or hosting visitors on your property*
  - Property Taxes if you are not a nonprofit
    - *Search by address here: [http://www.jcsoky.org/ptax\\_search.htm](http://www.jcsoky.org/ptax_search.htm)*
  - Permanent signage, if applicable
- Timeline for completion of project
- List or portfolio of comparable previous projects, if applicable
- Site plan and building renderings, if available
  - *May be required prior to closing, LOJIC online has property information & you can measure the property dimensions:*  
<https://www.lojic.org/lojic-online>
- **For Budget Rate Policy and Agricultural Projects** – Describe and provide proof of funds