

WVU AgTech Mini-Grant Program

WVU Extension and WVU Davis College are excited to offer the second round of AgTech Mini-Grants to West Virginia 4-H and FFA clubs, groups and individuals. Provided by a generous donation from Karen Powell, four \$2,000 mini-grants will be awarded to support technology related to agriculture in either the farm or classroom setting.

Technology has always driven innovation in agriculture to help increase productivity, yields, safety, operations and management. With this mini-grant program, your project should aim to apply technology to a need on your farm or in your classroom that will improve your operations, help spur innovation, increase productivity, or even lead to a new opportunity for potential business. This grant will allow you to be creative and identify a modernization, upgrade, new technology or innovation that can make your farm or classroom more successful. Grant applications are now being accepted, and awards will be made according to the following guidelines.

Grant specifics:

Project proposals should address a demonstrated technological need related to agriculture. This need can be in a classroom /educational setting or in a farm/field setting. For the purposes of this grant, “technology” could include (but is not limited to) projects related to data loggers, laptops, weather stations, drones, precision agriculture, data management, field mapping, etc. The grant will not be awarded for “equipment” such as tires, machinery, and farm supplies. Awardees will be expected to submit on-time mid-year and final project reports. Specific guidelines for these reports will be provided to awardees.

Timeline:

- December 10, 2023 – **Application deadline**
- December 15, 2023- Award recipients will be notified
- December 20, 2023 – January 10, 2024- Mini-grants will be disbursed
- March 10, 2024 – Mid-project reports due
- May 12, 2024 – Final reports due
- TBD - Final Banquet and Project Presentations with Campus Visit

Applicant criteria: *Teams/clubs may apply for this grant, but a ‘lead’ applicant, meeting the criteria, must be listed.*

1. Adult guidance is encouraged, but this grant should be written by a youth member or team.
2. Applicant must be an active 4-H or FFA club member.
3. Applicant must be at least 14 years old as of 1/1/2023. Applicant must be no more than 21 years old as of 1/1/2023.
4. Application must have signed approval of the county Extension agent.

WVU AgTech Program Mini-Grant Application

Applications are submitted online. You will not be able to save a partially-complete online application, therefore we suggest you prepare all the necessary responses below prior to beginning your online application. Note that your letter of recommendation with Extension Agent signature must be uploaded in order for your online application to be submitted and complete, so be sure you also have this document ready before you begin.

To apply online, go to:

<https://link.ext.wvu.edu/agtech-mini-grant-application>

Deadline: 11: 59 PM on December 10, 2023

Title of Project:

Lead Applicant Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

4-H Club or FFA Chapter:

County:

Is this a team project? Yes No

Name of persons/club/team collaborating on grant:

Applicant Signature: _____

Date:

Applications must be received by 11:59 PM December 10, 2023. No late applications will be accepted.

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Please respond to the following prompts.

1. Project Name:

2. Provide a brief overview of your AgTech project:

3. What is the need that would be addressed by your project?

4. What do you expect to accomplish with your AgTech project, and how will you document that you are making measurable steps toward project completion?

5. How will you share information about your project with your club and community?

6. What is your timeline for implementing and completing your proposed project and how will you manage the project over this period of time?

7. Please provide a detailed budget for your project:

Additional Materials to be uploaded:

1. **REQUIRED:** Please provide a signed letter of support from your VOAg teacher, 4-H leader, faculty member, etc.
2. **REQUIRED:** If your letter of support is not from your County 4-H Professional, the letter must also be signed by your County 4-H Professional (Extension Agent) stating that they approve your proposal. By signing, they agree to oversee the disbursement of funds to the recipient and assist as needed with the collection of project reports from the recipient.
3. **OPTIONAL:** You may provide images/multimedia files to supplement your application, but are not required to do so.