



Humboldt County Cannabis Micro-Grant Application

Application Coversheet

Date of application: 12/18/2020

Organization/Business Name: River Day Farm

Applicant interest in project/site: 100%

Is the business owned or majority-owned by Humboldt County residents?
Yes

Applicant Name and Title: [REDACTED], proprietor

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: ashley@riverday.farm

Address: [REDACTED]

Project Name: Facilities Upgrade for Processing Development

Amount requested: \$10,000

Total project cost/funding Needed: \$ 53,000

Additional source (s) of funding: Sole proprietor

Type of project: ___ Planning ___ Implementation ___ Technical Assistance ___ Capital investment ___ Other

Project Location: [REDACTED] Salyer CA (Humboldt County, but with a Trinity County access driveway)

Applicant Eligibility

Are you applying as a Humboldt County based business, cooperative, association, or non-profit organization	<u>X</u> YES
Are 75% or more of its operations based in Humboldt County?	<u>X</u> YES
Are you currently licensed and registered in Humboldt County?	<u>X</u> YES
Are the activities of your business, association, or organization specific to the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution or retail of cannabis, or whose organization provides support and/or services to the cannabis industry?	<u>X</u> YES

Business or Association Type

\$10,000 Eligibility

- Cultivation
- Retail
- Manufacturing
- Distribution
- Cannabis Support Business

Cultivation Lighting (as defined in Humboldt County Code 719-3)

- Outdoor
- Mixed Lighting
- Indoor

\$50,000 Eligibility

- Cannabis Cooperative (as defined in CA Business and Professions Code 26220 et seq.)
- Road Maintenance (as defined in Humboldt County Code Code Section 314-55.4.12.1.8.4)
- Non-Profit Cooperative Association (as defined in CA Food and Agriculture Code 54001 et seq.)
- Non-Profit Mutual Benefit Corporations (as defined in Corporations Code 7110 et seq; and consisting of 2 or more entities.)
- Agricultural Cooperative (as defined as user owned, user controlled, and user benefitting with Articles of

Incorporation as required by the CA Secretary of State)

What amount of the Business is Humboldt Owned?

- 100% Humboldt Owned
- 51-99% Humboldt Owned
- 1-50% Humboldt Owned

Ownership Structure and Owners – Sole proprietor

Number of FTE employees: 1.5

Summarize the organization’s business and activities:

River Day Farm is small, 100% woman-owned full-sun outdoor cannabis farm, with a 9,999 sq. ft. garden on the banks of the South Fork Trinity River. The farm lies on the very eastern edge of Humboldt County. The cannabis is grown in native soil with organic and regenerative methods. River Day Farm has been fully permitted and licensed for three years.

[REDACTED], the farmer and sole proprietor of River Day Farm, grew up on an organic vegetable farm in Willow Creek and has a Bachelor of Science in Wildland Soil Science from Humboldt State University. She taught the soil science lab at HSU, and is keenly aware of nitrogen and other nutrient cycles, along with carbon sequestration in the soil, and respect for soil micro-biology. Ms. Toms has taken her knowledge of soil as a living medium and is developing a sustainable growing system on less than one-quarter acre of the farm.

[REDACTED]

Proposal Request

Program / Project Name:	Facilities Upgrade for Processing Development
Requested Amount	\$10,000
Total Project Cost/ Funding Needed	\$53,000
Additional Funding Sources	Ashley Toms, sole proprietor
Type of Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implementation <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Assistance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Project Address	[REDACTED] Salyer, CA (Humboldt County)
Project Assessor Parcel Number	524-114-010
Project consist of qualified outdoor cultivating operation less than 10,000 sq.ft.	YES
Which License, permits, currently have	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDFA Cannabis Cultivation Annual Permit <input type="checkbox"/> CDFA Cannabis Cultivation Provisional Permit <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW LSA Agreement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Humboldt County Annual Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Humboldt County Provisional Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurisdiction Business License <input type="checkbox"/> CA Dept. of Tax and Administration fee permit Motor Carrier Permit <input type="checkbox"/> CA Dept. Public Health Manufacture Cannabis License <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDFA Weighmaster license <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Employer ID Number

Project Overview:

██████████ of River Day Farm wants to upgrade an existing barn building on the farm to Commercial use, to be able to process the cannabis products grown on the farm in-house. The barn, built in 2015, is large enough for the Processing purposes, but needs technical upgrades, such as a designated ADA parking site, a smooth ADA designed entrance and an ADA toilet facility. The most expensive item to this facility upgrade is adding the ADA compliant toilet, which is a requirement of the building upgrade for Processing.

The ADA parking site development includes smooth surface finishing of the parking spot and drop-off, and ADA grade approved travel surfaces, along with appropriate signage. The ADA designed entrance, again, involves smooth surface development, and ADA grade design. The bathroom will include ADA designed facilities, ingress and egress, including construction, plumbing, and electrical. River Day Farm previously installed a permitted and well-functioning septic system that can manage the extra waste flow.

The River Day Farm cannabis permit allows Ms. Toms to ship her product to centralized processing facilities, but she would like to bring control of the Processing side of the business in-house. As the farm already has an existing building that meets the building codes for Processing, the only things left are the ADA upgrades.

Economic Impacts:

An ADA compliant bathroom is required for the cultivation permit and has been met up to now with rented portable toilets. The cost of the portable toilets is \$205 for an ADA toilet/month and \$150/month for regular toilet. The installation of an ADA toilet will eliminate that monthly expense.

The ability to use the barn for Processing will give the business greater latitude in crop management and will assist in the production of the highest quality cannabis. Reduced overall costs with in-house processing will make the business more profitable. Shipping costs will be reduced, and the potential of FTE year-round jobs being developed increases.

This facility upgrade project will also benefit the Humboldt County economy through the employment of the builders necessary for the project installation. Plus, overall, the region and the County of Humboldt will benefit from improved business facilities and increased tax revenue.

The projected cost of the commercial upgrade and ADA restroom installation is beyond the economic feasibility of sole proprietor this year, thus this request for Trellis funding assistance. The investment is intended to increase the farms' solvency over the course of the next few years.

Environmental Impacts:

Improving the Processing facilities at River Day Farm will have the following environmental impacts:

- Reduction of greenhouse gases, and air pollution from the weekly Toilet Rental truck, making the 2 hours round trip, to pump out the of solid waste from the rented toilets. That is a reduction of approx. 100 lbs. of carbon dioxide every week.
- Five years ago, River Day Farm installed a permitted septic tank and field, that has capacity to grow. The solid waste produced on the farm will be managed on-farm.
- The vehicular trips made during harvest season will be lessened with the on-site Processing capacity, again resulting in lesser greenhouse gas production.

Supporting the installation of ADA facilities and on-site waste management is an equity issue and is also the environmentally sound decision.

Project Process:

River Day Farm has had its eye on economic success for over five years. The barn was built in 2015, and although its purpose was not fully visioned at the time, it is large enough to dry and process all the product from this operation. The barn is not up to commercial standards to be used for on-site processing—so the processing of the farm product is currently contracted out.

The gardens at River Day Farm are still getting established. The soil is only a few seasons into its development, so there is room to perfect the growing processes as well as perfect the drying and curing. Having a fully functioning processing facility, along with the gardens beneficial development will help River Day Farms add to the economic stability of Humboldt County cannabis industry.

The barn was built to code but needs commercial upgrades for Processing as well as some value-added measures such as self-branding or additional product processing like pre-rolled joints. Additionally, the building upgrade will allow for farm tours to make a stop at River Day farm to show off our farm processes and contribute to a wider marketing effort of the Humboldt County region.