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Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center

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Welcome to the Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center at the Wallace Center at Winrock International. The HUFED Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute for Food and Agriculture (formerly Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service or CSREES), will support greater access to healthy affordable food in communities across the country. HUFED is unique in that it will provide grants and technical assistance for enterprise development and focus on getting more healthy food—including local food—into communities who have limited access.

The Wallace Center supports entrepreneurs and communities as they build a new, 21st century food system that is healthier for people, the environment, and the economy. HUFED will build on Wallace's expertise in economic development through local food enterprises (read more about our Community Food Enterprise project), and will work with the National Good Food Network, a partnership of nonprofits, for-profits, researchers, government, funders, and practitioners dedicated to "scaling-up" the aggregation and distribution of local food (read more about the National Good Food Network).

Application Process

******PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submitting a Letter of Interest for this funding opportunity has now passed.***

1. **Letter of Interest (LOI):** The LOI is the first step in the funds request process, and is ***required***. The LOI provides Wallace Center with an overview of the organization's/ individual's/ or company's purpose and activities, organizational leadership, program or project timeline, and estimated budget. Online submission of the LOI is strongly recommended, but if that is not possible, please contact us for assistance. ***Please read "HOW TO APPLY" (particularly noting the Grant Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions) below for more details on submitting your LOI.***
2. **Review of Letters of Interest (LOIs):** The Wallace HUFED Center will review the LOI information, looking for alignment with the HUFED goals and objectives and selection criteria below. At this time it will be determined whether the applicant will be invited to submit a full

proposal. During this review stage, Wallace HUFED Center staff may contact you for further information or with clarifying questions, or we may request to visit you to learn more about the proposed business enterprise or project.

3. **Invitation to Submit Full Proposal:** If you are invited to submit a full proposal, you will be contacted with instructions on how to submit your request via our website. *Please do not submit a full proposal until you are invited to do so.* Wallace HUFED Center staff may also contact you for additional information or a site visit while reviewing the full proposal.

Estimated Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
March 8, 2010	Deadline for submission of LOIs
March 22, 2010	Finalists selected; Invitation to submit full proposal to LOI finalists
April 19, 2010	Full proposals due
April 19-30, 2010	Proposal review and applicant interviews by Wallace HUFED Center staff
May 2010	Award recipients announced; Award and funding process started; Projects begin

HOW TO Apply

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding through the Wallace Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development (HUFED) Center. ***The Letter of Interest submission deadline has now passed.***

NOTIFICATIONS

If you would like to receive email notifications when this site is updated or when we release the Grant Guidelines, please sign up for HUFED project updates.

QUESTIONS/CONTACT

Please review our list of Frequently Asked Questions. If you have additional questions about the HUFED Center or the application process, please feel free to email us at hufed@winrock.org or call us at (703) 531-8810.

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