

# GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY

The Assistance Program for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers in Arizona is a project to assist socially-disadvantaged Arizona farmers and ranchers in owning and operating successful farms and ranches. This project will be accomplished through the combined efforts of Agriculture Energies LLC, University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs), and Apex Applied Technology, Inc. (AATech).



**Focus:** To help Native American Agriculture be more efficient through the acquisition and application of sustainable energy products and practices. A needs-assessment will be conducted to determine a priority list that will aid socially-disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to 1) Improve participation among these farmers and ranchers in the full range of programs and 2) Build relationships between current and prospective farmers and ranchers and U.S. Department of Agriculture's local, state, regional, and national offices.

**Eligibility:** We are looking for Native American applicants who are reliant upon irrigation and refrigeration in their farming and ranching practices.

**Services:** We offer the following services to assist Native American farmers and ranchers with their transition to renewable energy:

- Onsite evaluation at farms and ranches, tribal community centers, or county extension offices.
- Organizing off-campus technology demonstrations for farms and tribal community centers.
- Administering on-farm agricultural energy planning
- Grant-writing services for farmers and ranchers.
- In addition, a website will be developed to share information to socially-disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.



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