

EXHIBIT D: The Forum Group Charitable Foundation, Inc. Grants for Organizations

Program Overview and Statement of Purpose. The Forum Group Charitable Foundation, Inc. (the “Foundation”), was created to research sustainable methods of food production and supporting technologies, educate the public about the need for and the availability of such methods, and make such methods available to address the nutritional needs of populations in or near an urban environment.

In keeping with these principles, the Foundation aims to support organizations that are experimenting with these production methods and supporting technologies. The primary goal of the Organizational Grant Program is to provide resources for such organizations to continue their research, development, and educational efforts in these areas. The Foundation’s Board of Directors will select the most qualified applicants to receive grants.

Eligibility Requirements. The Foundation prefers, but does not require, that applicants be organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Selection Criteria. The Foundation’s Board of Directors will use the following criteria to evaluate applications:

- Applicant’s demonstrated competency in the field;
- Educational proposal is novel and/or builds on current knowledge;
- Objectives are well conceived, realistic, and significant;
- Project will contribute to the development of sustainable farming or other food production methods or supporting technologies and/or significantly raise awareness in the general public; and,
- Project will advance knowledge that will lead to increasing the availability of healthy locally-produced food for urban populations.

Award Duration and Use of Funds. The Foundation’s Grants for Organizations will be made depending on the level of need and the assets available to the Foundation. Awards will be made for up to three consecutive years, funding of the second and third year is not automatic and is dependent upon a satisfactory progress report as determined by the Board of Directors.

Institutional Assurances. Recipient Organizations will be expected to adhere to all federal, state, and local regulations regarding the use of animals and plants.

Reporting Requirements. Acceptance of an Educational Grant from the Foundation will include a commitment to provide Progress Reports while the grant is active. Progress Reports will be due every six months.

Year 2 and 3 Funding. Second-year funding will be approved upon the satisfactory completion of the prior progress report as determined by the Board of Directors.

Acknowledgments. The Foundation’s support should be acknowledged in all public communication of work resulting from any grant to an organization, including scientific publications, presentations, posters at scientific meetings, press releases, and internet-based communications. The Foundation will also request that every grant recipient send copies of

any communications published with the support of the Foundation to the Foundation as soon as possible after publication, either by email or post.

Application Instructions. The complete application process will require submission of the following:

1. Cover Letter: The cover letter should contain a summary of the proposal and introduce the organization, including the amount of funding being requested and the need that a grant will help to solve.

2. Project Summary Form: Applicants must include a 200-300 word summary stating the project's broad, long-term objectives and specific aims.

3. Organizational Mission, History, and Financial Data: Applicants must include a complete organizational history and current mission statement, and must attach the most recent three years of financial history, including operational revenues and expenses as well as current assets held. Applicants should also list any publications and materials relevant to the grant request that are in submission or that were published within the last two years in the following categories: a) peer-reviewed articles, b) non peer-reviewed articles such as reviews and book chapters, and c) abstracts. Citations should include all authors, year, title, journal, volume, and inclusive pagination.

4. Program Description (maximum of three pages not including bibliography): Within the three-page limit, applicants must include:

- Background and significance;
- Statement of need and relevance to sustainable agriculture in plain (non-technical) English.
- Specific aims;
- Preliminary data (if available);
- Methods intended to impart the grant recipient's knowledge and skills to the broader community with the goal of improving awareness of the issues in the general community;
- Limitations and/or potential pitfalls; and
- Budget proposal.

Applications must be submitted to:

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