

MASS ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONS  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

Thanks to a recent \$7,500 award from the Mass Society for Promoting Agriculture to the Mass Association of Agricultural Commissions (MAAC), we invite applications for year 2014 grants of up to \$500 each for specific local Agricultural Commission projects. The grants are intended to help Agricultural Commissions play an active role in their communities, promote local farming, and carry out projects that help further their long-range plans.

To apply for a grant, your Agricultural Commission should complete the information below and submit to MAAC, c/o Pete Westover, [westover03@comcast.net](mailto:westover03@comcast.net), or PO Box 67, Whately, MA 01093 post-marked by Thursday, July 31, 2014. Grant awards will be announced by August 30, 2014, and projects should be completed and a one-page summary report submitted to MAAC post-marked by April 30, 2015. Funds will be disbursed directly to the applicant town.

Documents developed for public distribution (including but not limited to maps, brochures, training manuals and the like) will include a statement crediting the Mass Society for Promoting Agriculture and MAAC for assisting with funding. MAAC reserves the right to reproduce and/or distribute documents funded by these grants. The AgCom developing these documents will be credited.

Examples of eligible projects are as follows:

- Establishing a website or webpage on town website
- Training workshops or town-wide agricultural forums
- Right-to-Farm road signs
- Creating and printing farm brochures & maps to promote local produce
- Projects and activities with local schools
- Surveys and inventories of farms and town land
- Starting or supporting community gardens or farmers markets
- Community education
- Town match for regional planning agency services
- Other projects that support local farming and raise the profile of the Ag Commission.

Name of Agricultural Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Name of contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Surface mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Proposed Project \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated project budget:

Requested grant amount (\$500 maximum): \_\_\_\_\_

Funds or in-kind contribution from other sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the proposed project on the next page (attach additional sheets if needed).

Project Description:

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**SMALL GRANT INFORMATION**

1. The selection committee will include Laura Sapienska-Grabski (MAAC President), Kathy Orlando (Sheffield Land Trust and MAAC Treasurer), Cheryl Lekstrom (Contractor, MDAR), and Pete Westover (Contractor, MDAR).
2. Selection criteria: grants will be awarded to the projects judged best able to succeed in the 2014-5 time frame, most likely to be effective, and most important to the applicant town.
3. Future grant funds will be sought from other sources so as ultimately to enable MAAC to provide grants to as many of the AgComs in the Commonwealth as possible.
4. We will not advertise this round of grants to Berkshire County Ag Commissions, as Berkshire has already participated in two rounds of small grants.