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2016 Oklahoma Grown Farmers' Market Specialty Crop Grant Funds Available, Applications postmarked by January 29

Farmers markets provide consumers with fresh locally grown produce while supporting local communities. Grant applications for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry grants must be postmarked by January 29.

The program emphasizes advertising and marketing. Grants can be funded up to a maximum of \$3,500 for markets that were registered with the state as an Oklahoma Grown Farmers' Market for the last three consecutive years. Grants can be funded up to a maximum of \$2,000 for markets that were not registered with the state as an Oklahoma Grown Farmers' Market for the last three consecutive years. Grant funds may be used for specialty crop signage, marketing promotion, advertising and newsletter publishing. The 2016 Oklahoma Grown Farmers' Market Specialty Crop Grant program currently has \$55,000 available.

For additional information and grant forms contact Ashley Bender at (405) 522-4330.

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Photo caption: Farmers markets provide consumers with fresh locally grown produce while supporting local communities.