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- Grant Description
 - The goal of TIE Grants is to encourage farmers to trial new equipment, implement new systems, and address the challenges farmers in the region collectively face and share that information with the larger farming community through education.
 - Funds can be used for:
 - Time
 - Materials
 - Consultants
 - Project costs (tests, fees, publication costs, printing)
 - Funds cannot be used for:
 - Capital costs for buildings, greenhouses, etc.
 - Start a farm
 - Durable equipment? (tractors, computers)
 - Administrative costs that would be there without the project
 - Duration
 - One year
 - Award size
 - \$500 to \$3000
- Who Can Apply
 - Eligibility & geographical requirements
 - Active farmers on land and sea
 - Bristol, Plymouth, Norfolk Counties (SEMAP's region)
- What Can Be Funded
 - Eligible topics and types of projects
 - Types of projects
 - Marketing, production, pest management, cover crops, composting, new crops, pollinators, tools – improves profitability, increases innovation, and sustainability
 - Innovative, new ideas or new twist on old ideas
 - Level of planning must be detailed
 - What can funds be used for:
 - Project-specific materials and equipment
 - Farmer's time
 - Consultants
 - Lab work, travel, outreach, & printing costs (all project specific)
 - What **cannot** be done with TIE grant funds:
 - Land purchase
 - Start or expand a farm
 - Promotional monies, food, meals, & utilities



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- What is Expected of Grantees
 - What will happen if your project is funded
 - Cost share?
 - Depending on the level of eligible projects, we may ask for a cost share
 - Project data & reporting requirements:
 - Collect data/information to share
 - Convey data in writing or oral presentation to SEMAP Membership
 - Continue to respond to inquiries about project even after finished
 - Summaries of projects will be posted on SEMAP website
 - Participate in and contribute to social media outreach on project
- Timeline
 - Submissions, review, award announcements & release of funds
 - Application timeline
 - End of March
 - Funding decisions made mid-April
 - Funds released as soon as contracts are signed, and all documents returned to SEMAP
 - Most projects are one growing season
 - Reporting
 - Due within 60 days of project close
 - Highlight outcomes as presentation at Ag & Food Conference, article for SEMAP's Newsletter, or suggest something innovative to communicate your project to the greater farming community
 - Reporting instructions/description required in contract.

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Grant application can be found online here: <http://semaponline.org/TIEgrants>

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