

I. Organization Background Information

Name of Organization:

Centro de Microempresas y Tecnologías Agrícolas Sustentables Yauco Inc. (CMTAS)

Mission Statement:

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The Center of Micro-Enterprises and Agriculture Sustainable Technologies of Yauco Inc. (CMTAS) mission is to create and maintain agricultural community entrepreneurs in socio-economically disadvantaged areas, providing educational and training services through an approach of microentrepreneurship , which contributes to the economic development of communities and social empowerment of families. The organization vision is to reproduce a model of excellence in community development, serving as a facilitator and a change agent in various areas as : renewable energy, food security, solidarity economy, strengthening of self-esteem and the development of emotional intelligence in the family, the main base of our society. It is located in el Barrio Quebradas of Yauco, in the municipality of Yauco. This organization is the result of a multi-sectoral partnership between a community organization, academy sectors, the private sector, Bonafides Farmers and volunteers of southwest of PR.

Overview of Organization:

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CMTAS Yauco during the year 2011, we acquired in rent, a disuse school in the Bo. Quebradas in the Municipality of Yauco, where we provide courses and educational workshops to the community. We also rented a 72 acres farm, near the school to do agricultural practices with participants in different courses that we have been carrying out. The First International Course in Organic Livestock in Puerto Rico, this novel course was dictated by an international resource in veterinary medicine and organic farming, Dr. Carlos Saenz, veterinarian professor from the National Agrarian University from Nicaragua; Courses in Transitional Procedures between Conventional Farms to organics in the Gurabo and Lajas University Station; these workshops were conducted with two academic specialists in organic agriculture; International Course on Certified Organic Inspectors by the "International Organic Inspector Association" (IOIA), thus forming 14 international organic inspectors, than before not had on the island, of whom 3 voluntarily work with our Organization. We offered 24 community workshops for the development of projects of renewable energy, water savings, composting and recycling. These workshops impacted 960 families in communities marginalized from the neighborhoods of the southeast of Yauco. We have been working this past 2 years in the Reconstruction of the Agrotourism Farm, Community Kitchen, the installation of a well to provide water for the community. We won the Second Prize of the Puerto Rico Big Idea Challenge for the implementation of Anaerobic Biodigestors in the Communities. Also we receive the visit of 175 People of different parts of United States and Canada from Tourism Cares to be at our Farm and School.

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II. Proposal Contacts - Please enter information for the Primary and Secondary Proposal Contacts

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III. Proposal Information**Proposal Title:**

Provide Technical Education to Economically Disadvantage persons in relation to the Sustainable Agriculture and Microlending for their Agriculture Business.

Support Request (check all that apply):

Investment/Grant

Requested Dollar Amount:

\$150,000

Please list other Significant Partners in the Proposal:

Proposal Description:

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Outreach Training and Technical Education related to Sustainable Agriculture Practices of different topics: The topics are 1- Farming Planning :Administration, 2-Transition Steps from Conventional Farms to Organics, 3-Specialty Crops, 4-Compost, Soil and Water Conservation in Farms, 5-Hydroponics 6-Renewable Energy in Farms,7-How Food and Forestry can adapt to a Changing Climate, 8- Women in Agriculture, New Farmers, and Innovation at Work in Agriculture 9- Anaerobic Biodigestors to created Organic Fertilizers. An estimated of 20 participants of the Municipality of Yauco Districts will have direct attendee to obtain their Certificates on: 1-How to Create their Business Plan, Mentory for each participant to get alternatives of Financing, Locations, and Permits and microlending of \$5,000 for 5 participants to start their Agriculture Business.

Issues Addressed (check all that apply):

Asset Building / Financial Access, Capability and Empowerment, Small Business Development / Microlending, Workforce Development / Economic Development

If your project affects multiple states or counties, please use the CTRL key to multi-select.

Geographic Impact

Neighborhood(s)

U.S. States & Territories:

Puerto Rico

Population Served:

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Areas to be served with this project are 20 Districts of the Municipality of Yauco : "Bo.Barinas (5,930), Bo. Quebradas(883), Bo. Sierra Alta (1,063), Bo. Diego Hernández (1,247), Bo. Duey (1,108), Bo. Jacanas (1,690), Bo. Susua Alta (1,063), Bo. Susua Baja (11,586), Bo. Los Frailes(321), Bo. Rancheras(446), Bo. Rubias(309), Bo. Rio Pietro(680), Bo. Almacigo Alto (1,659), Bo. Almacigo Bajo (5,930), Bo. Aguas Blancas (231), Bo. Vegas(145), Bo. Caimito(431), Bo. Algarrobo(419), Bo. Collores (773)

Population Income by Area Median Income (AMI) and other identifiers (percentage of Free and Reduced Lunch for youth or designated "Disaster Area" or designated "Distressed or Underserved" served by proposal:

We use the following information to select the areas that would receive this service: the communities to impact (level socio-economic) in Puerto Rico are the communities with increased vulnerability to environmental threats and the oscillations of the economic development of Puerto Rico. 54% of the municipalities of the island have a level of 10-15% unemployment. The total population of the island around 54% live below poverty level and 48% of the population receive the benefits of the program of nutritional assistance (PAN)Census. At least on of the requirements that the participant should have is Beneficiaries of Program of Assistance for the Departament of the Family, Live under poverty level, or Unemployment. For the Agriculture Business establish that could participate in the workshop are small business in rural areas.

Anticipated Outcomes/Impact:

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The Outcome with this project is to provide technical education at least 20 people from the municipality of Yauco through educational workshops. Our goal is to prepare a total of 20 participants that will have direct attendee to obtain their Certificates on: 1-How to Create their Business Plan (Certificate/16 Hours), and 3-Safety Foods (Exam/Certificate). Also includes Mentory for each participant to get alternatives of Financing, Locations, and Permits. At the end \$5,000 to 5 participants to begin their Agriculture business.

Describe evaluation methods used to measure success:

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Outreach Training and Technical Education related to Sustainable Agriculture Practices of 8 different topics: The topics are 1- Farming Planning :Administration, 2-Transition Steps from Conventional Farms to Organics, 3-Specialty Crops, 4-Compost, Soil and Water Conservation in Farms, 5-Agroforestry Technics, 6-Renewable Energy in Farms,7-How Food and Forestry can adapt to a Changing Climate, 8- Women in Agriculture, New Farmers, and Innovation at Work in Agriculture. An estimated of 20 participants of Yauco that will have direct attendee to obtain their Certificates on: 1-How to Create their Business Plan, 2-Good Practices in Agriculture, and 3-Safety Foods. Also includes hours of Mentory for each participant to get alternatives of Financing, Locations, and Permits. That creation of 5 Agrobusiness with the \$5,000 to start.

Project time frame - Is your request for an existing or new program?

Existing Program

IV. Submit Supporting Documentation - Please attach your most recent audited or reviewed financials in PDF format to this proposal application. Your proposal application will be considered incomplete until the appropriate financial documentation is provided. By submitting a proposal application you agree to share with the Federal Reserve information regarding connections that were made with funders regarding the proposal or other work your organization conducts that was identified by a funder that used the Investment Connection platform. After you submit a proposal application, we will follow up with you to see if Investment Connection was helpful with your informational and business needs.

Upload your most recent audited or reviewed financials

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EstadoAuditadoCMTAS2018.pdf

V. Other Supporting Documentation - You may submit a photo (jpeg) and/or a video (mp3 or mp4) that helps describe your proposal. (information available to funders)

Upload a picture or video that helps describe your proposal or organization

(information available to funders)



Upload additional picture or video

(information available to funders)



Add any additional links to supporting documentation

(information available to funders)

VIDEOS: DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES

1. Anaerobic Biodigesters . in Yauco : <https://youtu.be/C8cfmOb0QC4>
2. Visit to Project CMTAS Yauco from Tourism Cares : Watch "Tourism Cares for Puerto Rico" on YouTube://youtu.be/gei42WaAIN8
3. WAPA TV - Channel 4 from Efren Arroyo - Project of CMTAS Yauco
https://www.wapa.tv/noticias/especiales/convierten-escuela-abandonada-en-centro-de-servicios-para-la-comunidad_20131122460303.html

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