



Land Access and Training for Refugee and Native American Farmers.

Objectives

Increase access to land rental, both independently and through Global Gardens' incubator farms



Develop farmers' knowledge and skills in all aspects of production.



Increase farmer revenue by developing and providing access to new markets



Increase farmer financial literacy and provide access to loan programs.



Project Goal



To train beginning farmers with cultural, linguistic, or economic barriers to create sustainable, profitable, independent small farm businesses.

Audience



The two target audiences for this project are; resettled refugees living in Boise, Idaho and Native American residents of the Duck Valley reservation on the Idaho/Nevada border.

Wider Implications



A greater number of sustainable small farms will be present in both Boise and on Duck Valley Reservation. The availability of affordable local food for participating families, communities, and consumers will increase.

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Approaches

Maintain existing incubator farm plots for lease and develop one new incubator site with the City of Boise. Facilitate Independent land leases with more advanced farmers.



Provide classroom, workshop, webinar, and in-field trainings. Develop internships for beginning farmers to learn on established local farms.

Work with the Economic Opportunity Program to provide classes in financial literacy and provide small loans to farmers.



Enroll and create opportunities with farmers markets, C.S.A., and Wholesales. Develop independent business names, logos, and signage.

Outcomes

Farmers have a place to explore farming feasibility with minimal risk. Advanced growers will move to larger independently leased farm sites.



Farmers will have increased knowledge of production related topics. Farmers will develop and follow Crop plan. Farmers will set individual goals for production, sales, and business development. Internships will be available. Culturally relevant and climate specific curriculum will be developed and shared.

Farmers will earn \$1,000– \$9,000 annually through CSA, wholesales, and farmers markets sales. They will be familiar with registration, customer service, and health department standards at farmers markets.

Farmers will have increased capacity to invest in their business and purchase inputs, equipment, and other items. Farmers will have increased financial literacy.



Evaluation

Analyze records of services provided, number of participants, number of new farms, retention of farmers, farmer expanding their business and field space.



Asses annually farmer knowledge on a list of 135 target skills.



Increase in total farm incomes, increased number of CSAs, and increase use of individual farm logos and branding.



Increase in number of trainings in business development and counseling. Increase in Farm related loans.

