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| **Grant**  | **Date Due** | **Applicant Characteristics** | **Project Requirements**  | **Amount** | **Website** |
| Mary Boyer Sustainable Food and Agriculture Grants | March | Female farmers, ranchers, and producers in the NC counties of Alleghany, Avery, Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga, Wilkes, Mitchell, and Yancey, as well as Johnson County, TN | Supports plans to create innovative, sustainable solutions to producing or marketing obstacles in the High Country | up to $2000 | [http://www.brwia.org/support-for-farmers.html](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.brwia.org/support-for-farmers.html&sa=D&usg=ALhdy2_FEMX5ThfOoL1oruUNpdMRZoG-uw" \t "_blank) |
| WNC AgOptions | 12/13/2013 | Diversifying farmers in Burke, Caldwell, Cleveland, Rutherford, Avery, Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey counties as well as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. | Support is provided to farmers who are diversifying or expanding their operations to increase farm income and encourage the sustainability of the farm businesses. | $3000 or with business plan, $6000 | [http://www.wncagoptions.org/](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.wncagoptions.org/&sa=D&usg=ALhdy29j_BTG_Y4xtkEyw6ydAVX0EWANkg" \t "_blank) |
| Blue Ridge Seeds of Change | Late Dec or Early Jan | Farmers diversifying and expanding their farm operations in Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes Counties, NC and Johnson County, TN | Support is provided to farmers who are diversifying or expanding their operations to increase farm income and encourage the sustainability of the farm businesses. | $3000 or with business plan, $6000 | <http://www.blueridgeseedsofchange.org/> |

**Grant Resources**

Grants Offered in the Northern WNC Area

Useful and Searchable Grant Databases

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| USDA Grants and Loans | [http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=GRANTS\_LOANS](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid%3DGRANTS_LOANS&sa=D&usg=ALhdy2-GlKh4hV9sOU18-Xy36RhkmQnE4g" \t "_blank) |
| ATTRA Funding Database | [https://attra.ncat.org/calendar/funding.php](http://www.google.com/url?q=https://attra.ncat.org/calendar/funding.php&sa=D&usg=ALhdy291VzCG4YsZnl-yIhpE3zRFYF0kLA" \t "_blank) |
| USDA Alternative Farming Systems Information Center | [http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/funding.shtml](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/funding.shtml&sa=D&usg=ALhdy2-u_btShbxsMM8dBbDsFB9KNqP68w" \t "_blank) |
| [Start2Farm.gov](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://Start2Farm.gov&sa=D&usg=ALhdy2-w_megwBKuqHtfMTVIKinSgo-Zkg" \t "_blank) | [http://www.start2farm.gov/topic/about-grants](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.start2farm.gov/topic/about-grants&sa=D&usg=ALhdy2_m-Q-oFM453AfK11vMnyfF_JkV4g" \t "_blank) |
| Resource Guide for NC Limited-Resource Farmers (start on page 74) | [http://www.conservationfund.org/our-conservation-strategy/major-programs/resourceful-communities-program/resource-guide-for-limited-resource-farmers/](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://www.conservationfund.org/our-conservation-strategy/major-programs/resourceful-communities-program/resource-guide-for-limited-resource-farmers/&sa=D&usg=ALhdy2_IyXEG40JxDS9BNAM1BoqFm9BNMw" \t "_blank) |

Local Resources

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| **Who?** | **Service** | **Contact** | **Website** |
| CCC & TI Small Business Institute | Free grant editing services | Evelyn Asher,easher@cccti.edu, 828-297-8121 | [www.cccti.edu/smallbusiness](http://www.cccti.edu/smallbusiness) |