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Barefoot Farmer, LLC.
Red Boiling Springs, TN

Dear Mr. Jeff Poppen:

We are pleased to collaborate with your organization on this mutually beneficial grant opportunity. We commit to participating in and supporting the 2016 Barefoot Community Farmers Market and Educational Training Program, for the time period of September 30, 2016 to September 30, 2019. We would like to use grant funds for TSU's Extension efforts to assist with outreach and education regarding the new and newly established farmers markets, using the research from Jeff's decades of experience in producing and direct marketing in the following ways:

Having Jeff Poppen speak at Master Gardener programs in the following counties: Davidson, Wilson, Cheatham, Montgomery, Williamson and Lawrence.
Having Jeff Poppen be available for question and answer via email through Extension.
Having Jeff Poppen organize the Tennessee Local Food Summit to be held on TSU's campus in 2016, and possibly in 2017 and 2018.
We would also like to involve Jeff Poppen in our New Farmers Academy to assist with the education and mentoring of 35 students per year. We would use funding to pay for his time for the following activities:

Have Jeff Poppen come to TSU to speak to this class once per year for three year term.
Be involved in the TSU Farm Expo once per year for the three year term to promote the goals and objectives of this grant.
Have the Tennessee New Farmer Academy farmers to take field trips to the Barefoot Farm 3 times per year for the three year term for onsite, hands on trainings.
The individuals and our organization agree to abide by the management plan contained in the application.

Sincerely,

Latif Lighari

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To: Whom it May Concern for the Farmers Market Promotion Program,
funding opportunity USDA-AMS-TM-FMPP-G-16-0002

From: Deborah W. Walker, M.A., R.D., LDN, Coordinator of Nutrition
Education and Training

Regarding: Barefoot Community Farmers Market and Educational
Training Program Grant

Date: May 2, 2016

I am Deborah Walker, Coordinator of Nutrition Education and Training
for the School Nutrition Services department and would like to support
your Barefoot Community Farmers Market and Educational Training
Program Grant. It is important to bridge the gap between the school
garden environment and the student. Teaching students how to grow their
own food should be an integral part of the educational process. The long
term health of the students depends upon the knowledge they gain from
garden to table, teaching them where food comes from and how it relates
to sustaining healthy bodies. We are here to support your efforts to
improve the health and well-being of our students through the educational
process.

I may be reached at 259-8473 or you may e-mail me at
Deborah.Walker@mmps.org

Thank you!