

The G.R.O.W.E.R. Apprenticeship Program

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Project Organization

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We propose to plan and test a pilot-project that develops **a framework for accessible, holistic, effective and innovative new farmer training with business emphasis** to reach **underrepresented individuals in San Diego county**

GOAL	OUTPUT
1. Map and understand the landscape of agriculture in San Diego County including resources available for new farmers and farming organizations, and establish and enhance important collaborative relationships with these organizations	Report and ArcGIS with map of the region's actors, roles, and resources
2. Search and secure a location (farm) for the agriculture training program	Identify and secure a primary teaching site
3. Evaluate different farming and agribusiness curriculum, adapt to local needs and develop supplementary curriculum to fill gaps	Finished inclusive, accessible and comprehensive farming and agribusiness curriculum for our training program
4. Conduct a pilot-program with 5 farmers to test the agribusiness curriculum chosen	Farmers trained on agribusiness and feedback for larger training gathered
5. Develop strategies and apply for grants for the full program.	Full narrative and supporting documentation