

Prosperity Funding Request

Objective: Through my expertise in soil management, I would like to enable farmers to regain the health of their soil in order to grow healthier crops and increase their yields, while lowering their costs. By providing education, soil testing, non-toxic fertilizer recommendations and equipment upgrades, I and the consultants who work with me would partner with farmers to achieve healthy crops and healthy livestock. Many farmers are not making money, so they use the least expensive practices and products they can find. Resulting yields are low, profits are non-existent. Funding through the prosperity program would allow them to restore their soil, get higher yields and regain profitability and dignity.

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I have been working for many years as a crop consultant, sharing biological crop management with farmers throughout the state and have trained several consultants in the products, practices and principles which guide my business. With my expertise in soil management, my consultants and I help farmers see the value of using clean, non-toxic liquid products in their fertilizer program to create healthy soil. Healthy soil is the foundation needed for a healthy food system.

Farmers see the value of the concept of healthy soil, but are ingrained with using traditional fertility practices, herbicides and pesticides, even though they see their yields decrease and their soil being depleted. Though education and soil testing, we document the levels of nutrients in the soil and show them a way to build their soil back to a healthy condition. Unfortunately, most farmers have never used liquid fertilizers and simply cannot afford to convert their equipment. With proper funding from the prosperity program, we could work with farmers to provide education, soil testing, fertilizers recommendations, application rates and proper equipment. We arrange for the farmers to buy direct from the companies which offer the high quality, non-toxic products we recommend.

Through partnership with the farmer, the services we provide are:

- Soil testing
- Recommendations of fertilizer, nitrogen management, trace elements, crop rotation, tillage
- Training in biological agriculture principles and practices
- Frequent contact with the farmer for follow-up, recommendations and assistance.

The condition of the soil is as important as its fertility. This means being concerned, not just with what is missing from the soil, but also with what is wrong with it and what can be done to correct it. The products I work with and recommend are non-toxic and, with proper use, build soils that produce healthy crops without the use of herbicides and pesticides. **Healthy soil produces healthy crops, healthy livestock and – ultimately – healthy people.**