

## Boyer Food and Agriculture Grants Available

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Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture (BRWIA) is calling for proposals for the 2014 Mary Boyer Sustainable Food and Agriculture Grant program. The purpose of the Sustainable Food and Agriculture Grant is to strengthen our local food system by supporting female farmers, ranchers, and processors who plan to create innovative, sustainable solutions to production or marketing obstacles in the High Country. Grant applications are due by March 1, 2014.

Two grants of up to \$2000 will be awarded to female farmers, ranchers, or processors based in Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, or Yancey Counties in North Carolina, or Johnson County, Tennessee for completing a sustainable food and agriculture project or pursuing educational opportunities in sustainable food and agriculture. Examples of past projects include: 'Multi Species Rotational Grazing and Invasive Weed Control' and 'Highland Handling to Reclaim the High Country'

"We're proud and excited to offer a fourth year of funding for our Mary Boyer Sustainable Food & Agriculture Grants." explains Executive Director, Sarah Myers, "Not only is this an opportunity to highlight innovative agricultural approaches in our High Country region, it is an excellent way to provide support to an underserved, and growing, demographic group. We are honored to be able to offer these small grants and we give continued thanks to all those who make this possible."

Applications for the 2014 grant funding cycle are available on BRWIA's website ([www.brwia.org](http://www.brwia.org)) and must be received no later than March 1, 2014. Please contact BRWIA with any questions via email [programs@brwia.org](mailto:programs@brwia.org) or phone 828-386-1537.