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**Call for Proposals for Sub-Grants- “Youth in Agribusiness- East Economic Region”**

**To**

**Support start-up businesses and existing enterprises to implement projects in one of two sectors:**agriculture and food processing

**Deadline for submission of applications is:**

**Data: 5th of July 2019, 16:00**

The Municipality of Gjilan in cooperation with East Region Municipalities is implementing the project “Youth in Agribusiness- East Economic Region” funded by the European Union and managed by the European Union Office in Kosovo.

The Call for Proposals within this project aims to support start-up businesses and existing enterprises (with less than two years of existence) to create gainful employment and generate income for the youth in the East Economic Region through creating job opportunities, lowering the unemployment rate and supporting business expansion.

This call for proposal is divided into two lots. Lot 1 will support 52 sub-grants for startup businesses and Lot 2 will support 6 sub-grants for existing enterprises.

**LOT 1: New Business Project Proposal (start-up enterprises):** the amount per project proposal varies from €2,000 up to €4,000

**LOT 2: Existing Enterprises (enterprises, with less than 2 years of existence): the** amount per project proposal varies from €5,000 - €10,000

Duration for the two lots: maximum 6 months.

An individual or enterprise can submit only one application within this call.

**Who can apply?**

In order to be eligible for a sub-grant, applicants must fulfill the following criteria:

**LOT 1**

* be citizens of Kosovo.
* the applicant must legally establish the business in Kosovo prior to signing the Sub-Grant Contract
* be registered as a business for the activities envisaged by the proposed action at the time of receiving a grant;
  + be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action.
  + possession of a business plan for a period of three years
  + candidate should come from East Economic Region of Kosovo
  + the candidate must provide a document of ownership for him/her or provide an official document for using land from a member of immediate family
  + the candidate possesses sufficient labor force for agricultural activities
  + possess training certificate on Skills and capacity development on agriculture
  + be able to continue the particular agricultural business after the project is finished
  + advantage will have families with lower income, applicants from remote rural areas and female farmers.
  + advantage for youth under 25 years old.

**LOT 2**

* be citizens of Kosovo.
* be 100% privately owned micro or small enterprise registered in Kosovo under Kosovo law Number No.06/L-16
* to possess the list of assets that the business owns,
* be registered as a business for the activities envisaged by the proposed action at the time of receiving a grant;
  + written proof that the business has no obligation against TAK
  + be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action.
  + possession of a business plan for a period of three years
  + candidate should come from East Economic Region of Kosovo
  + the candidate must provide a document of ownership for him/her or provide an official document for using land from a member of immediate family
  + the candidate possesses sufficient labor force for agricultural activities
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**Application Process:**

Any **question** related to the preparation of the application may be sent by email until **14th of June 2019,** at **municipalitygjilan@gmail.com** and all replies will be provided no later than **24th of June 2019.**

Applications and additional materials can be downloaded from the project’s web page [www.farmeri.org](http://www.farmeri.org) or Kosovo Funding Portal (*https://kosovofunding.org/).* All applications will need to be prepared and submitted either in **Albanian, Serbian, or English.**

Application can be submitted electronically to e-mail address: [municipalitygjilan@gmail.com](mailto:municipalitygjilan@gmail.com) or by submitting documents in a hard copy at: St. “Mulla Idrizi” no.148, Gjilan

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