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Request for Research and Service Proposals

The Niagara Peninsula Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association (NPF&VGA) invites submissions of research or service proposals commencing in 2025. Projects are to benefit the grape, fruit and vegetable industries in Niagara and may be single or multi-year in length.

Particulars:

- Single-year projects will require a project results report due no later than 12 weeks after the project completion date.
- Multi-year projects will be reviewed annually via summary report due November 30th of each year, and the final project results report will be due no later than 12 weeks after the project completion date.
- If the project is approved for funding support greater than \$5,000 from NPF&VGA, 15% of the total funding will be withheld in the first year and will be released after the final report is received.
- Oral presentations for both single and multi year projects may be requested by the directors of the NPF&VGA.
- The budget for 2025 is set at \$75,000 and will be disbursed as required to fund all approved projects. For this reason, funding support from NPF&VGA is generally used as seed money for other grants. All approved projects are contingent on applicant(s) receiving matching funding, if required, and submitting proof thereof.

A "Summary of Project and Goals outline" is attached, along with a fillable application form. The total proposal should not exceed 7 pages including the Summary. Please send completed applications electronically to npfvga+research@gmail.com or by mail to the address below. The deadline for submission is 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 6th, 2024. Late proposals will not be accepted. Requests will be reviewed and applicants notified of their funding status in February, 2025.

Sincerely,

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