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Call for Proposals: Regenerative Food and Farming Research – Round 1

Background

Shropshire Good Food Partnership (SGFP) has secured funding from the Co-op Foundation Carbon Innovation Fund for our Regenerative Food and Farming Project.

The overall objective is to drive innovation, learning and research to create a climate-friendly local food system. Outcome 1: Scaled up use of agro-ecological farming practices that sequester carbon and minimize GHG emissions, includes support for on-farm research.

Opportunity

A fund of £15,000 is available to support research, to be disbursed in two rounds (subject to quality of proposals). This can cover a wide range of research areas including environmental, social and economic aspects of regenerative food and farming. The proposals should include at least one producer/farmer and a research partner. Eligible costs include, but are not limited to, student scholarships, soil/nutrient analyses, carbon measurement, mapping.

Research proposals should contribute to our local knowledge and evidence base on regenerative agriculture. Assessment will be based on the following criteria:

- Relevance - to current debate on creating a food system that is good for climate, nature and people. Potential to serve as a model.
- Impact – inclusion of knowledge sharing and dissemination of findings, preferably reaching both technical and public audiences.
- Competency – appropriate methodology, capacity of team, suitable site
- Cost effectiveness – value for money

Projects may run from 1-18 months. They should be completed by April 2024 latest. Budget from £500 - £5,000.

Application Process

Proposals should be succinct and cover the following areas: Underlying rationale, Specific objectives, Methodology, Key milestones, Anticipated outputs, Costing and justification of resources. Maximum 3 pages.

Please submit to jenny@shropshiregoodfood.org by 30th August.