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General Comment

I'm writing to comment on the USDA NRCS request for public input on the information collection process for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Grants. From what I understand, this notice is mainly about how NRCS gathers reports and data from people who receive these grants, not about changing the grant program itself.

Because urban agriculture projects can be really diverse—like community gardens, small farms, and education programs—it makes sense that NRCS wants to make sure the reporting system is clear and workable. If the reporting requirements are too confusing or time-consuming, smaller organizations might struggle to keep up, even if they're doing good work.

I think it would help if NRCS keeps the reporting process simple and provides examples or templates so applicants know exactly what information is expected. That could make the program more accessible to groups that don't have a lot of administrative staff.

Overall, improving the information collection process seems useful as long as it doesn't create extra barriers for the organizations the program is meant to support.