

**Agriculture Grant Programs Funding****FY2021 Request: \$4,536,820**  
**Reference No: 62873****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Economic Assistance**Category:** Natural Resources**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact:** Raquel Solomon-Gross**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025**Contact Phone:** (907)465-2422**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

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 40% = Minimum State Match % Required   
 ☐ Amendment   
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**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
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**Line Item Detail**

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