



Government of Maharashtra  
Department of Agriculture  
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## Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (SMART) CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) Project invites applications from Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in the State of Maharashtra and Institutional Buyers for value chain development sub-projects of Agricultural commodities, Goats and Backyard poultry. Applications of value chain development sub-projects invited are *viz.* **Productive Partnerships (PP) and Market Access Plans (MAP)**. Eligible CBOs includes ATMA registered Farmer's Groups (FGs), Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) and their Federations, Cluster Level Federations (CLFs) mobilized by MSRLM, Community Managed Resource Centres (CMRCs) mobilized by MAVIM. Eligible buyers for submission of applications consist of Corporates/Processors/Exporters/SMEs/Start-ups/any other Organised Retail chains etc. Buyers can be from Maharashtra or elsewhere who want to procure agricultural commodities from Maharashtra. Grants in the form of viability gap fund (VGF) upto 60% of project cost will be made available to competitively selected value chain development subprojects of CBOs. Details regarding eligibility criteria for application, application forms etc. are available on project website <https://www.smart-mh.org>. The last date of submission of online application is 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 before 5.00 pm.

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