

**Four Corners Slow Money**  
**Steering Committee & Loan Review Committee Application**  
**Applications Due by: January 18, 2021**

Four Corners Slow Money (FCSM) provides zero interest loans to farmers and food entrepreneurs contributing to a healthy local food system in SW Colorado and Northern NM.

We are seeking Steering Committee and Loan Review Committee members to support our volunteer and member-run organization. FCSM is part of the international Slow Money movement of 27 community peer-lending groups, and one of four zero-interest Slow Money SOIL (Slow Opportunities for Investing Locally) groups in Colorado. FCSM is a recognized charity within the state of CO, and operates under the non-profit fiscal sponsorship of Onward! A Legacy Foundation.

Steering Committee: Roles & Responsibilities

- Overall leadership & general administration of the volunteer-run organization.
- Potential Roles: Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications, Membership, General Committee Member.
- Generally meet monthly or as needed throughout the year.
- Commitment: 1 year minimum, ideally multiple years.

Loan Review Committee: Roles & Responsibilities

- Review & evaluate farmer & food entrepreneur loan applications in January - February 2021.
- Collectively recommend select loans to the full FCSM membership for voting at the annual meeting in February.
- Reference checks and/or Financial vetting.
- Commitment: January – February 2021 minimum. Option to continue in future years.

*Necessary Qualifications*

- Be a current member or become a member of FCSM.
- Strong collaborative communication & partnership skills.
- Critical thinking & reasoning skills.
- Alignment with FCSM core values & ethics.
- Belief in the FCSM cause & purpose.
- Maintain confidentiality of the information provided by our applicants

*Preferred Experience*

- Leadership, business, nonprofit, financial, marketing, fundraising, farming, or food entrepreneur experience.

We stand behind Farms and Food Entrepreneurs that support and reinforce:

LOCAL: Raise, source, process and sell food within our region of Southwest Colorado (La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, Archuleta & San Juan Counties) or Northern New Mexico (San Juan County).

SOIL: Farms or food enterprises dedicated to regenerating soil, using long-term sustainable (organic, biodynamic, agro-ecological, zero-pollution, 7 generation and other) practices

DIVERSITY: Enterprises supporting a diversity of crops, people, and cultures; increasing resilience to future climate change, celebrating cultural heritage, and in a reciprocal relationship with our local landscape

COMMUNITY: Farms and food enterprises considered vital to building a local food economy, and keeping resources within the community

FINANCIAL: Enterprises using sound financial practices, demonstrating well-planned financial projections, and commitment to accountability

MISSION: Enterprises dedicated to building and scaling all the parts of building a local food economy, such as education, environmentally regenerative practices, and support of other local businesses, families and community organizations

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Please keep your answers concise and complete.

1. Contact Info
  - a. Name
  - b. Mailing Address
  - c. Email
  - d. Phone
  - e. Are you a current member of FCSM?
  
2. What role(s) are you interested in serving in?
  - a. Steering Committee Member
  - b. Loan Review Committee Member
  
3. What is it about FCSM that attracts you to participate? Why do you want to participate on the Committee(s)? (Purpose & alignment)
  
4. What makes you ideally suited to serve on the Steering Committee and/or the Loan Review Committee? What would your ideal role be? (What do you intend to provide?)
  
5. What are you hoping to learn, gain or benefit from by serving on the Committee(s)? (What do you hope to receive?)
  
6. What concerns or questions do you have about the role(s), commitment or responsibility? What would you need to know before making a commitment to serve?
  
7. References
  - a. Please provide three personal or professional references, your relationship with them, and their contact info.
  
8. Resume
  - a. Please attach a recent resume if you have one - or provide a description of your relevant work, volunteer and community involvement experience.

Thanks for applying to support a healthy local food system!

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Email this application to: [info@fourcornersslowmoney.org](mailto:info@fourcornersslowmoney.org)

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