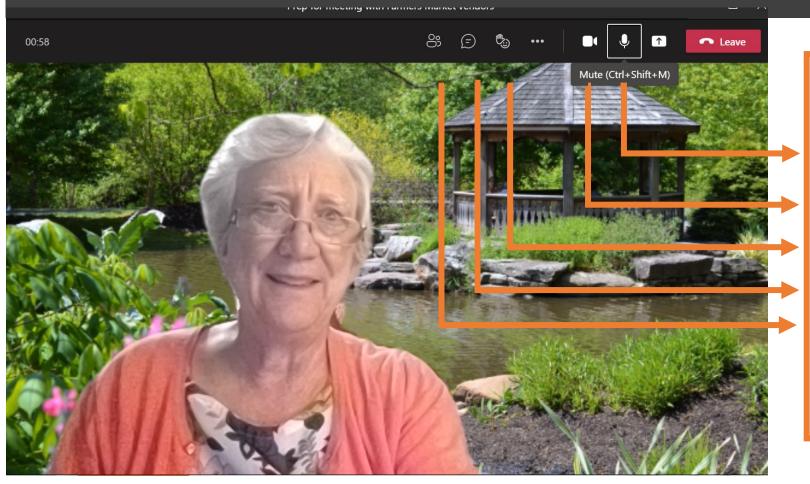
## Insurance Requirements for Fairfax County Farmers Markets

April 15, 2021
Meeting via TEAMS

#### How to use TEAMS



- Mute microphone
- Turn camera on or off
- Raise your hand
- Add a question to the chat
- Who is present

#### Agenda

- Housekeeping
  - Session will be recorded
  - Please mute
  - Add questions to the chat
- Introductions
- Insurance requirements
- Explanation of requirements
- What next
- Questions

#### Insurance is like medicine...



- Nobody wants to pay for it.
- No one understands it.
- Everyone is glad to have it when it is needed.

Protection from financial loss is in everyone's best interest





- General liability for business and auto protects your financial assets
- Additional insured protects those with whom you do business
- Our job as public servants is to protect the assets of the county
- Your job is to protect the assets of your company/business

## Why did the requirements change?



Official County documents are regularly reviewed for updates

Some annually
Some every few years



Who guides the review?

County Risk Management
Office of County Attorney
Business partners with
other agencies



Review showed:

Limits too low

Language inadequate

Vehicle coverage
needed

#### 2021 Insurance Requirements

- Provide Certificate of Insurance (COI)
  - General liability
  - Vehicle liability
- General Liability minimum coverage: \$1,000,000 per occurrence/aggregate
- Auto requirements
- Additional insured updated text
- Certificate holder

#### Vehicle Insurance Requirements

 The Vendor agrees to maintain owned, non-owned, and hired Automobile Liability insurance indicated below, including property damage, covering all owned, nonowned, borrowed, leased, or rented vehicles operated by the Vendor.

Vehicle Class	Curb Weight	MaxCoverage Requirement
Light-Duty Vehicle:	<6,000 lbs.	\$100,000
Medium-Duty Vehicle	6,001 –8,500 lbs.	\$500,000
Light Heavy-Duty Vehicle	8,501 –26,000 lbs.	\$750,000
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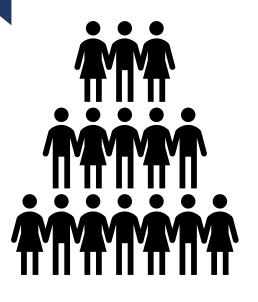
#### Understanding the Additional Insured Text

"The Fairfax County Park Authority and the County of Fairfax, their officers, employees and volunteers are included as an additional insured with respects to the Liability Policies as required by written contract. Insurance provided is primary and non-contributory with respect to the liability policies as required by written contract. The certificate holder will receive 30 days' notice of cancelation for any reason except non-payment of premium. Waiver of subrogation applies as per policy language."

# Additional Insured Text has four important components

- The Fairfax County Park Authority and the County of Fairfax, their officers, employees and volunteers
- Insurance provided is primary and noncontributory with respect to the liability policies as required by written contract.
- The certificate holder will receive 30 days' notice of cancelation for any reason except non-payment of premium.
- Waiver of subrogation applies as per policy language.

### The Fairfax County Park Authority and the County of Fairfax, their officers, employees and volunteers





- Two separate legal entities
  - Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)
  - Fairfax County (FFX)
- FCPA and FFX have financial resources and functions carried out by people
- The people, officers, employees and volunteers could be sued individually, even as representatives of the organizations
- This statement protects the organizations and the people

### Insurance provided is primary and non-contributory with respect to the liability policies as required by written contract.

- Primary means: The vendor's insurance responds first
- Non-contributory means: The additional insured doesn't pay for or contribute to the claim
- As required by written contract means: the contract the vendor signed to participate in the market
- WHY are these needed? To show who pays first and who isn't responsible for paying claims.
- This avoids the county going after a vendor for part of a claim that would otherwise not be covered by the vendor's insurance.

The certificate holder will receive 30 days' notice of cancelation for any reason except non-payment of premium.

- Certificate holder is Green Spring Gardens
- GSG isn't always alerted when policies expire. Vendors are responsible for knowing.
- WHY do we need this language? Trust but verify.
- We are doing our due diligence to protect the county's assets.

## Waiver of subrogation applies as per policy language.

- Waiver of subrogation means:
  - The Vendor's insurance company cannot ask the County to pay the insurance company back for any claims it paid on behalf of the vendor
  - In simple terms: your insurance company can't sue my insurance company to recover its claims payments
- As per policy language means: we need to read the policy itself for the policy details.

#### How many COIs do you need?

- One COI, if your insurance agent handles **both** your general liability and auto insurance (and umbrella, if needed)
- Two COIs, if you have one agent for general liability and one agent for vehicles
- The additional insured language must appear on all COIs

#### \$1 Million per occurrence/aggregate

- These are standard minimum requirements for <u>all</u> county contracts
- These limits are an insurance industry best practice
- Refer to the vehicle insurance table for minimums.
- The minimum may include coverage provided by an umbrella policy
- Higher limits protect the vendor's personal assets
- This should not significantly increase the cost of a premium

#### Risk Management's efforts



Reviewed the language with experts. The language is also considered a best practice within the insurance industry when requesting Additional Insured status on coverage.



Discussed the requirement with many agents; majority could provide it.



VA Farm Bureau is reviewing the requirement



Providers have offered the Additional Insured at no cost or low monthly fee, <\$50/month. This is only required by us for the months vendors are in the market.

## Helping Vendors meet the requirements

- Delay the due date to meet **all** insurance requirements to be in the market to June 23, 2021 (10 weeks)
- Interim requirements to meet NOW:
  - COIs on file
  - Minimum liability, \$1M/aggregate/occurrence
  - Minimal additional insured language:

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the County of Fairfax, their officers, employees and volunteers are included as an additional insured with respects to the Liability Policies as required by written contract.

- We are researching various means of funding or grant support
- Risk Management will continue to work with vendors to help understand the issues



# Completing the requirement by June 23

- FFX and FCPA cannot recommend or name insurance providers
- A search on Farmers Market insurance or Small Business insurance should reveal a source of companies
- Several vendors have submitted COIs with the proper language

#### Resources

- Sample language (uploaded into FarmSpread)
- Sample COIs (uploaded into FarmSpread)
- Virginia Tech and Cooperative Extension Service publication, Managing Liability for Agri-tourism and Direct Marketing, <a href="https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\_ext\_vt\_edu/CV/CV-25/CV-25-PDF.pdf">https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\_ext\_vt\_edu/CV/CV-25/CV-25-PDF.pdf</a>
- Grants for small businesses:
  - VA 30 Day Fund Home VA 30 Day Fund, provides forgivable loans up to \$3,000 to small businesses in need.
  - RISE Grants <u>COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Fund | Economic Success</u> <u>(fairfaxcounty.gov)</u>



#### Fairfax County Farmers Markets Insurance Requirements

Updated 2021

All participating vendors at Fairfax County Farmers Markets are required to purchase Commercial General Liability insurance coverage. A current copy of the insurance certificate must always be on file with the farmers market coordinator. If your policy expires mid-season you must resubmit your insurance information upon renewal. Insurance paperwork will remain on file until expiration. If you attend multiple Fairfax County Farmers Markets, only one certificate is required. We highly recommend you give a copy of these requirements directly to your agent.

#### Insurance Guidelines

Minimum Amount Required Commercial General Liability (Limits): Each Occurrence/Aggregate—\$1,000,000 The Vendor agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/aggregate, to protect the Vendor, its sub-Vendors, and the interest of the County, its officers, employees and agents against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the Contract or in connection with the contracted work.

Automobile Liability insurance: The Vendor agrees to maintain owned, non-owned, and hired Automobile Liability insurance indicated below, including property damage, covering all owned, non-owned, borrowed, leased, or rented vehicles operated by the Vendor. Minimum limits are as follows:

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#### Description of Operations/Locations/Vehicles (Additionally Insured):

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\*\*PLEASE NOTE -- we cannot accept an insurance certificate unless this exact additionally insured line is added.

Please present this contract to your insurance agent to ensure they are able to provide the additionally insured coverage\*\*

Certificate Holder (Farmers Market Coordinator)
Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA 22312

Please upload a copy of your Insurance Certificate to your Farmspread vendor application. If necessary, you can also email or fax a copy directly to the Farmers Market Coordinator. Fax (703)653-6605. All Vendor paperwork must be on file or risk being denied a space in the market. Please contact our office if you are having trouble adding the additionally insured line to your insurance certificate.

#### Contact the Community Horticulture Supervisor with questions.

Community Horticulture Supervisor Pamela H. Smith Pamela. Smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov 703-642-0128 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets Contact the Fairfax County Risk Management team regarding additionally insured wording.

Risk Manager Randy F. Jouben Randy Jouben@fairfaxcounty.gov 703-324-3599



#### CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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The Fairfax RISE COVID-19 Small Business and Nonprofit Relief Grant Fund is a financial assistance grant program for small businesses and nonprofits adversely affected by the Coronavirus shutdowns.

Grant selections have been completed and all Fairfax RISE grants have been approved and distributed. If you have questions on your status, please let us know via email at FairfaxRISE@cbponline.org.

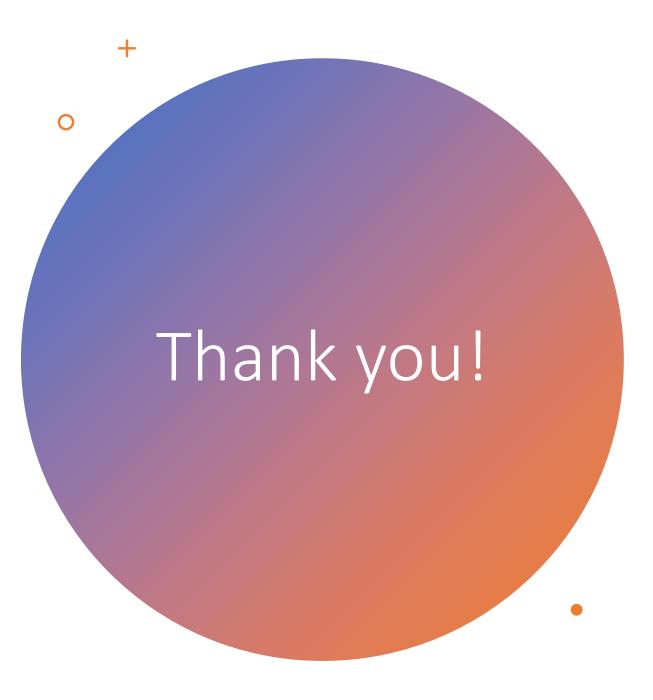
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Questions



- We are looking forward to working with you and serving our market customers
- For insurance questions, please email Randy Jouben, randy.Jouben@fairfaxcounty.gov
- For all other market questions, please email Jessica Nassif: jessica.nassif@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Or Kylie McLatchy:
- Kylie.mclatchy@fairfaxcounty.gov