

Program Name	Type of Program (Grant, Loan, Other)	Website	Farm Service Agency (FSA), Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS), Rural Development (RD), Small Business Administration (SBA)	Short Description	Who Can Apply	Business Stage Best Served (startup, early, established) or Support Organization	Funding Can Go Directly to Processors (Y/N)	Matching Funds Required	Minimum Award Amount	Max Grant Award, Loan, or Guarantee Amount	Application Frequency
Organic Cost Share Program	Cost Share	Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP) (usda.gov)	FSA	Assists producers and handlers of agricultural products who are obtaining or renewing their certification under the National Organic Program (NOP).	Producers or handlers who have paid certification fees related to renewing their organic certification under the National Organic Program (NOP).	Early or established	Y	N/A	N/A	50% of certification costs up to \$500	Ongoing
Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grants	Grant	Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)	AMS	Assists currently operational meat and poultry slaughter and processing facilities in obtaining a Federal Grant of Inspection or becoming eligible for Federal inspection under Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS).	Slaughter and processing facilities must be operational and not have a Federal Grant of Inspection or comply with the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program at the time of application. These entities include commercial businesses, cooperatives, and tribal enterprises.	Early or established	Y	N/A	N/A	\$200,000	Ad Hoc
Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program	Grant	Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program Rural Development (usda.gov)	RD	Help eligible processors expand their capacity. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development designed the MPPEP to encourage competition and sustainable growth in the U.S. meat processing sector, and to help improve supply chain resiliency.	Sole proprietor businesses or other entities that engage – or want to engage – in meat and poultry processing.	Start-up, early or established	Y	N/A	N/A	\$25 million or 20% of project costs, whichever is less	Ad Hoc
Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)	Grant	Local Food Promotion Program Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)	AMS	LFPP funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Planning and implementation grants available.	Eligible entities may apply if they support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products.	Support organization	Y	25%	Planning: \$25,000; Implementation: \$100,000	Planning: \$100,000; Implementation: \$500,000	Annual
Federal State Marketing Improvement Program	Grant	Federal State Marketing Improvement Program Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)	AMS	Assists in exploring new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products, and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the marketing system	State departments of agriculture, state agricultural research stations, other state entities.	Start-up, early or established	N	1:1	N/A	\$250,000	Annual
Regional Food System Partnerships	Grant	Regional Food System Partnerships Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)	AMS	Supports partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local or regional food systems.	Partnerships consisting of one or more eligible entities (such as a producer group or economic development group), and one or more eligible partners (such as a university or non-profit)	Support organization	N	25%	Planning: \$100,000; Implementation: \$250,000	Planning: \$250,000; Implementation: \$1 million	Annual
Sheep Production and Marketing	Grant	Sheep Production and Marketing Grant Program Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov)	AMS	Seeks to develop solutions and address needs of the entire sheep industry, while focusing on measurable benefits for sheep producers, encouraging partnerships among sheep industry organizations, and reducing duplication of effort among participating organizations.	National entities with a mission consistent with Sheep Production and Marketing Grant Program (SPMGP's) purpose.	Support organization	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	Annual
Rural Cooperative Development	Grant	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-cooperative-development-grant-program	RD	Supports development and operation of Rural Cooperative Development Centers.	Non-profits and institutions of higher education	Support organization	N	25%	N/A	\$200,000	Annual
Socially Disadvantaged Groups	Grant	Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant Rural Development (usda.gov)	RD	Provide technical assistance to socially-disadvantaged groups in rural areas through cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers.	Cooperatives and Cooperative Development Centers	Support organization	N	N/A	N/A	\$175,000	Annual
Rural Business Development	Grant	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-business-development/grants	RD	Provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.	Non-profits and public institutions	Support organization	N	N/A	N/A but smaller grants given priority	N/A	Annual
Value Added Producer Grants	Grant	Value Added Producer Grants Rural Development (usda.gov)	RD	Helps agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to the processing and marketing of new products. The goals of this program are to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities and increase producer income.	Independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer- or rancher-cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures	Start-up, early or established	N	1:1	N/A	Planning: \$75,000, Working Capital: \$250,000	Annual
TBD Meat and Poultry Processing	Grants	Meat and Poultry Supply Chain USDA	RD	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will make an additional \$225 million available in grants to meat and poultry processors. This new program will include support for projects in the earlier stages of development.	Processors	TBD	Y	TBD	TBD	TBD	Ad Hoc
Meat and Poultry Processing Agricultural Workforce Training (MPPT AWT) Program	Grant	https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/press-releases/usda-nifa-invests-25m-meat-poultry-agriculture-workforce-training	NIFA	Build a pipeline of well-trained workers and support safe workplaces with fair wages and support the development, expansion and standardization of training and job readiness	Training at community, junior or technical college or institute- state agricultural experiment station, colleges and universities, university research foundations	Support organization	Y	N	N/A	N/A	Sept. 22
Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program	Loan	Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program Rural Development (usda.gov)	RD	Finance food systems projects, specifically for the start-up or expansion of activities in the middle of the food supply chain. The program will support new investments in infrastructure for food aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storage, transportation, wholesaling, and distribution.	Lenders or borrowers must be directly engaged in the middle of the food supply chain, specifically the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of food.	Start-up or early	N	N/A	N/A	\$40 million, 90% guaranteed, no guarantee fees	Ongoing

7(a) Loans	Loan	7(a) loans (sba.gov)	SBA	Provides financial help for small businesses with special requirements. This is the best option when real estate is part of a business purchase, but it can also be used for working capital, refinancing debt, or purchasing supplies.	For-profit small businesses	Early or established	Y	N/A	N/A	\$5 million	Ongoing
504 Loans	Loan	504 loans (sba.gov)	SBA	Long-term, fixed rate financing for major fixed assets that promote business growth and job creation.	For-profit small businesses, via a Certified Development Company	Early or established	N	N/A	N/A	\$5 million	Ongoing
Microloans	Loan	Microloans (sba.gov)	SBA	Help small businesses start up and expand.	For-profit small businesses, via non-profit CBOs	Start-up	N	N/A	N/A	\$50,000	Ongoing
Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	Loan	Meat and Poultry Supply Chain I USDA	RD	Support loans and other assistance to businesses at rates and on terms that increase access to long-term, affordable capital. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will put an initial emphasis on supporting lenders that invest in underserved communities.	RFAs coming Summer 2022	TBD	Y	RFAs coming Summer 2022	RFAs coming Summer 2022	RFAs coming Summer 2022	TBD
Business & Industry Loan Guarantees	Loan Guarantee	Business & Industry Loan Guarantees Rural Development (usda.gov)	RD	This program offers loan guarantees to lenders for their loans to rural businesses.	Qualified lenders	Early or established	N	N/A	N/A	80% guaranteed in FY 2021	Ongoing