



Overview: Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program (IAG)

Program Schedule (Tentative)

Grant	Request for Application Date	Request for Application Closing Date
Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program (IAG)	April 19, 2023	~ July 19, 2023

Program Goals and Priorities

- Support traditional harvesting methods, indigenous animals and community animal protein
- Address needs for local animal protein processing capacity in tribal communities and tribal food supply chains
- Expand or enhance animal protein processing in Indian Country
- Build a portfolio representing geographic diversity, indigenous animal diversity, model diversity (mobile processing, multi-tribal, etc.) and scale diversity

To learn how AURI can support your Federal grant efforts at no charge, please see the Technical Grant Assistance section on page 2.

Project Type

	Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program
Overview	Traditional harvesting methods of indigenous animals and community animal protein projects
Grant Administration	Administered by the Rural Business- Cooperative Service (RBCS), an agency within the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Rural Development, in partnership with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and in consultation with the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR)
Total IAG Grant Program Funding Available	\$50 million
Minimum Amount	None
Maximum Amount	None
Cost Share/Match	None
Grant Duration	36 months
Grant Review	Competitive Panel Review

Eligible and Non- Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicants	Non-Eligible Applicants
Tribal Government of Indian tribes as defined by the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act (List Act) of 1994, their wholly owned arms and instrumentalities, and joint or multi tribal government entities are eligible	Processing businesses owned by non-tribal governmental entities or individual tribe members

Eligible Species

Amenable Species	Non-Amenable Species
Including Siluriformes, that fall within the regulatory jurisdiction of the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service	Including but not limited to bison, reindeer, game meat, seafood processing including wild-caught fish and other “exotic” species that may fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Examples: cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, mules, Siluriformes (catfish), chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, ratites and squabs	Examples: bison, reindeer, game meat, domestic rabbits, domestic deer, pheasant, quail and captive raised waterfowl

AURI Technical Grant Assistance

As a Technical Assistance Provider under the Meat and Poultry Processing Technical Assistance (MPPTA) Network, we encourage applicants and processors to contact AURI, where it can provide a variety of capabilities with assistance at no-cost to meat and poultry processors. AURI can assist in the following areas:

- Federal Grant Management
- Business Development Assistance
- Technical Assistance
- Supply Chain Development

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For more information on the IAG grant information, please visit: [Indigenous Animals Grant | USDA](#)

For more information on the grant Request for Applications (RFA) guidelines, please visit: [Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program \(IAG\) Fiscal Year 2023 Request for Applications \(usda.gov\)](#)