



**Overview: Local Meat Capacity Grant (Local MCap)**

**Program Schedule (Tentative)**

Grant	Request for Application Date	Request for Application Closing Date
Local Meat Capacity Grant (Local MCap)	April 19, 2023	~ July 19, 2023

**Program Goals and Priorities**

- Increase processing capacity and promote more competition in the meat and poultry sector, and rendering
- Support meat and poultry processors and rendering facilities with smaller scale projects
- Expand and diversify meat and poultry processing capacity
- Contribute to the resilience of the food and agricultural supply chains through support for diversified, value-added agriculture and support the policies of EO 14014 (Executive Order on America’s Supply Chain)
- Promote competition in the food system and support the policies of EO 14036 (Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy)
- Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS) will prioritize projects to demonstrate engagement with and benefit to local livestock and poultry producers, including underserved producers

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

**Project Types**

For the Local MCap program there are two project types described below. Applicants can only apply for one of the project types, not both.

	Processing Expansion Projects	Simplified Equipment Only
<b>Overview</b>	Projects that include building and facility updates	Offers simplified application to fund smaller grant awards
	Include building and facility upgrades, can include improvements, rearrangements, and/or alterations to a facility required to use a space more effectively and accommodate new or upgraded equipment and processes	Examples include: sausage stuffer, patty maker, smoker etc.
<b>Grant Administration</b>	USDA- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	USDA- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
<b>Total Local MCap Grant Program Funding Available: \$75 million</b>		
<b>Minimum Amount</b>	\$100,000	\$10,000
<b>Maximum Amount</b>	\$5 million	\$250,000
<b>Cost Share/ Match</b>	50% match/cost share unless identified as underserved, then 25% match/cost share requirement	No match/cost share requirement
<b>Grant Duration</b>	36 months	24 months
<b>Grant Review</b>	Competitive Panel Review	Competitive Panel Review

**Eligible and Non-Eligible Applicants for both Project Types**

<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<b>Non-Eligible Applicants</b>
Tribes and Tribal entities	Nationally dominant beef, pork, chicken and turkey processors
For-profit businesses and non-profit	Meat and poultry processing entities that are custom exempt or otherwise uninspected
State or local governments	Meat and poultry processing entities that are exclusive for non-commercial use
All applicants must be engaged in meat and poultry processing, which can include rendering animal carcasses and byproducts	Entities that received grants under the AMS Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant (MPIRG) program, may apply, but must successfully complete and close out their MPIRG grant before receiving a Local MCap grant award
	Multiple applications from entities with identical or greater than 75% common ownership, from a parent, subsidiary or affiliated organization

**Eligible Entities – Facilities**

- Must process or plan to process one or more species subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) or the Poultry Product Inspection Act (PPIA)
- Must possess or plan to obtain:
  - Federal Grant of Inspection, a grant of inspection under the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program (CISP) or a state meat and poultry inspection program
- Plants processing non-amenable species (e.g., bison, game meat, etc.) under voluntary FSIS or state inspection are also eligible to apply for funding

**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 we 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

<b>Organization</b>	<i>Agricultural Utilization Research Institute</i>	<i>USDA-AMS</i>
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For more information on the Local MCap grant information, please visit: [Local Meat Capacity Grant \(Local MCap\) | Agricultural Marketing Service \(usda.gov\)](http://Local Meat Capacity Grant (Local MCap) | Agricultural Marketing Service (usda.gov))

For more information on the grant Request for Applications (RFA) guidelines, please visit: [Local Meat Capacity Grants FY23 Request for Applications \(usda.gov\)](http://Local Meat Capacity Grants FY23 Request for Applications (usda.gov))