



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**



Resilient Food System Infrastructure Grant

The Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI) aims to build resilience in the middle of the supply chain and strengthen local and regional food systems by creating new revenue streams for Oregon's producers.

Funds will support expanded capacity and infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally and regionally produced food products, including specialty crops, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, and other food products, excluding meat and poultry and wild-caught seafood.

ODA will prioritize funding projects that benefit small and emerging farms and food businesses from historically disadvantaged groups.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS) has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Oregon Department of Agriculture to administer this program.

Eligible Participants

- ✓ Agricultural producers or processors, or groups of agricultural producers and processors
- ✓ Institutions such as schools, or hospitals bringing producers together to establish cooperative or shared infrastructure or invest in equipment that will benefit multiple producers' middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, distribution of targeted agricultural product
- ✓ Local government entities operating middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, and distribution of targeted agricultural products
- ✓ Nonprofit organizations operating middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, and distribution of targeted agricultural products

Grant Track	Infrastructure	Simplified Equipment Only
Priorities	<p><i>Offer family-supporting job quality and treatment/safety of workers</i></p> <p><i>Focus on small and medium-sized enterprises that add options and choices for consumers and producers (emphasis on value-added)</i></p> <p><i>Demonstrate local support for the project</i></p> <p><i>Support underserved communities</i></p> <p><i>Are submitted by cooperatives, farmer- and worker-owned enterprises</i></p> <p><i>Support proposals that provide fair prices, fair wages, and new and safe job opportunities that keep profits in rural communities</i></p> <p><i>Increase diversity in processing options in terms of business model approaches, geography, and availability to underserved communities</i></p> <p><i>Align with the goals of the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center</i></p>	
Examples of allowable projects (this is not an exhaustive list)	<p><i>Modernize manufacturing, tracking, storage, and information technology systems</i></p> <p><i>Enhance worker safety through adoption of new technologies or investment in facility improvements</i></p> <p><i>Improve the capacity of entities to comply with federal, state, and local food safety requirements</i></p> <p><i>Improve operations through training opportunities</i> <i>Support construction of a new facility</i></p> <p><i>Modernize or expand an existing facility (including expansion and modifications to existing buildings and/or construction of new buildings at existing facilities)</i></p>	<p><i>Modernize processing and manufacturing equipment</i></p> <p><i>Develop, customize, or install equipment that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases efficiency in water use, improves air and/or water quality, and/or meets one or more of USDA's climate action goals</i></p> <p><i>Enhance worker safety through adoption of new technologies or investment in equipment improvements</i></p> <p><i>Improve the capacity of entities to comply with federal, state, and local food safety requirements</i></p>
Application Period	<i>January 1 - February 29, 2024</i>	<i>February 1 - February 29, 2024</i>
Award Amounts	<i>\$100,000-\$2,000,000</i>	<i>\$10,000 - \$100,000</i>
Anticipated Start Date	<i>August 2024</i>	<i>August 2024</i>
Eligible Products	<i>Fruits, Vegetables, Tree nuts, Dried fruits, Dairy, Grains for human consumption, Aquaculture, and other food products excluding meat, poultry and wild caught seafood.</i>	

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