USDA/AMS: Federal Grants Supporting Local Food

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NMPAN analyzed 35 projects most relevant to meat and poultry processing. The grants were awarded between 1999-2015.

12 Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)
21 Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)
2 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)
USDA GRANTS AND LOANS IN THE LOCAL FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

USDA is committed to supporting robust regional food economies across the food chain through the programs noted below.

**LAND CONSERVATION**
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (NRCS)
- Conservation Reserve Program (FSA)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (NRCS)
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS)
- Conservation Innovation Grants (NRCS)

**PRODUCTION**
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (NRCS)
- Farm Microloans (FSA)
- Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSA)
- Grass Fed Small and Very Small Producer Program (AMS)
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (FSA)
- Organic Cost Share (FSA)
- Rural Energy for America Program (RD)
- Whole Farm Revenue Protection (RMA)

**PROCESSING**
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)
- Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)
- Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
- Value-Added Producer Grants (RD)

**AGGREGATION/DISTRIBUTION**
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (RD)
- Community Facilities Loans and Grants (RD)
- Local Food Promotion Program (AMS)
- Rural Business Development Grants (RD)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)

**MARKETS/CONSUMERS**
- Community Food Projects Competitive Grants (NIFA)
- Farmers Market Promotion Program (AMS)
- Farm to School Grant Program (FNS)
- Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program (NIFA)
- Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
- WIC Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FNS)

**RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN:**
- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (NIFA)
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (NIFA)
- Conservation Technical Assistance (NRCS)
- Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (AMS)
- Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (2501 Program) (OAO)
- Risk Management Education Program (RMA)
- Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RD)
- Small Business Innovation Research (RD)
- Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)
- Specialty Crop Research Initiative (NIFA)
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NIFA)

**COLOR KEY**
- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
- Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAQ)
- Rural Development (RD)
- Risk Management Agency (RMA)

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Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program

Grant with a one-to-one dollar match to assist 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.
Local Food Promotion Program

Two types of project applications were accepted in 2019 under LFPP (could change):

**Planning**
- $25,000 - $100,000 (25% match)
- 18 month grant period

**Implementation**
- $100,000 - $500,000 (25% match)
- 36 month grant period
Farmers Market Promotion Program

Two types of project applications were accepted in 2019 under FMPP (could change):

**Capacity Building**

- $50,000 - $250,000 (25% match)
- 36 month grant period

**Community Development, Training, and Technical Assistance**

- $250,000 - $500,000 (25% match)
- 36 month grant period
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