



# Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI)

## "Equipment-Only" vs "Infrastructure" Grants

The RFSI program will offer two grant types, Equipment-Only and Infrastructure grants, to eligible entities to support the expanded capacity 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.



### **Equipment-Only Grants**

**\$10,000 - \$100,000**

- Awardees have 1 year to complete
- No match required

#### **Allowable Expenses:**

- Equipment and shipping cost only



### **Infrastructure Grants**

**\$100,000 - \$3 Million**

- Awardees have 3 years to complete
- 50% match required; or  
25% match for those who qualify

#### **Allowable Expenses:**

- Equipment and Supplies; shipping
- Training; including on equipment
- Installation of equipment
- Facility upgrades & construction
- Personnel salaries



## Eligible vs Ineligible - Products

### Eligible Products:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Grains for human consumption
- Tree nuts
- Dairy
- Eggs
- Honey

### Ineligible Products:

- Meat and poultry
- Wild-caught seafood
- Exclusively animal feed and forage products
- Fiber
- Landscaping products
- Tobacco
- Dietary supplements

## Eligible vs Ineligible - Project Types

### Eligible Project Types:

- Expand capacity for processing, aggregation and distribution of agricultural products to create more and better markets for producers;
- Support development of value-added products available to consumers;
- Modernize manufacturing, tracking, storage, and information technology systems;
- Enhance worker safety through adoption of new technologies or investment in equipment or facility improvements;
- Improve the capacity of entities to comply with federal, state, and local food safety requirements;
- Improve operations through training opportunities, including training on the use of all equipment purchased under the grant;
- Support the purchase and installation of specialized equipment, such as processing components, sorting equipment, packing and labeling equipment, or delivery vehicles;
- Modernize or expand an existing facility (including expansion and modifications to existing buildings and/or construction of new buildings at existing facilities);
- Support construction of a new facility for middle-of-the-supply-chain activities;
- Support construction of wastewater management structures, etc.;
- Modernize processing and manufacturing equipment through upgrades, repairs, or retooling;
- Develop, customize, or install equipment that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases efficiency in water use, improves air and/or water quality, etc.;
- Increase storage space, including cold storage

### Ineligible Project Types:

- Acquiring real property (including land purchases), or any interest therein;
- Projects focused on meat and poultry processing or other ineligible agricultural products as noted above;
- Research projects including feasibility studies and projects involving the direct marketing of food goods/services;
- Claim expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any Federal, State, or local government funding;
- Projects that will or that have already received funding from another federal grant or subaward program(s) may not receive funding *for the same activities* through an RFSI grant. However, an RFSI grant may build on the successes of prior funding.

**More information:** Visit the RFSI web page at: <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/RFSI>

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