

What does this program do?

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Grant program helps to fund projects to support the expansion/retention of existing USDA meat processing facilities and the establishment of new USDA meat processing facilities in the state to increase the capacity of NYS sourced meat. This program will address the nationwide shortage of affordable meat available to consumers, including the availability of protein sources for schools and institutional facilities in the state.

Eligibility requirements:

To be eligible for the Meat Processing Expansion Grant Program, applicants must:

- Be a legally recognized business entity organization in New York State in good standing.
- Be involved in the processing of meat products.
- Have current USDA inspection or are seeking inspection.
- Have a detailed project plan or proposal that outlines the expansion/retention or establishment of a USDA inspected meat processing facility in New York State.
- Demonstrate how the proposed project will increase the capacity of New York State sourced meat.

How may funds be used?

Grant funds may be used for acquisition of machinery and/or equipment, installation or leasehold improvements, or the acquisition of fixtures.

Application process

To apply for the Meat Processing Expansion Grant Program, applicants must have a detailed project plan and project proposal that outlines the expansion/retention or establishment of a USDA meat processing facility in New York State. The proposal must include a detailed budget and timeline for the project. All applications must be received by deadline of June 21st 5:00 PM. Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis. Funds will be available until state funds have been exhausted.

Who can answer questions?

If you have questions or need help crafting your grant application, reach out to Duane at HVADC for assistance dstanton@hvadc.org.

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed [here](#). You may also contact HVADC for assistance. New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and HVADC are equal opportunity providers, employers, and lenders.

Where can I get more information?

Application materials and information may be found [here](#)

Who governs this program?

The program will be administered statewide by Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC). HVADC has considerable experience executing and administering programs of this type, including administration of grants for the NYS Grown & Certified program, and for other Federal and NYS funded programs.

Funding available for projects

The Meat Processing Expansion Grant Program is available for capital projects that can range from \$50,000 to \$250,000 on a reimbursement basis. For grants of less than \$100,000, a 10% recipient match is required. For grants of \$100,000 to \$250,000, a 20% recipient match is required.