

County Fairs Capital Improvement Grant Program

Program Overview:

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is offering a grant opportunity to county fairs. The program will assist in the promotion of building improvements or other capital improvements on county fairgrounds within the state. Total funding available for this grant program is \$281,600.

Capital improvements are costs related to making changes to improve capital assets, increase their useful life, or add to the value of these assets. Capital improvements may be structural improvements or other renovations to a building or enhance usefulness or productivity.

Building improvements to buildings which are used for fair purposes and are owned by the fair association or political subdivision.

Fairs will be required to provide a dollar-for-dollar cash match.

Grants will be awarded at a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$20,000. Limit of one proposal per fair association.

Eligible Entities:

- Fairs incorporated under Act 80 of 1855 – Local Agricultural or Horticultural Society.
- County-owned and operated fairs operating under Act 11 of 1929.
- County fairs that have submit all required year-end report for the prior two years.

Grant Proposal Format:

1. Project Title
2. Project goals and objectives-Please explain the need and purpose of the improvement and the impact this will have on the fair and the community.
3. Description of the improvement
4. Work plan –timeline for completion of the project
5. Budget-provide breakdown of the total estimated cost and available funding to provide for the match requirement.
6. Contact person, address and telephone number.

Grant Proposals are due no later than close of business on November 15, 2012 and must be post marked by November 9, 2012. Submit completed grant proposal to Cinda Karlik, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing MI 48909. E-mail address: karlikc@michigan.gov; Telephone number (517)373-9760.

