



# Value Added Grants Fact Sheet

**Proposals Due by 3:00 p.m., November 7, 2017**

MDARD's value added grants aim to promote the expansion of value-added agriculture production, processing, and access within the state to enhance Michigan's food and agriculture industry. MDARD will accept proposals that are intended to establish, retain, expand, attract and/or develop value-added agriculture processing in Michigan; expand or develop regional food systems; or expand healthy food.

## FUNDING AREAS:

- Value added food processing
  - Innovation and equipment
  - Technical assistance
  - Outreach and training
- Food hub development
- Food access, including fresh/nutritious foods

## GRANT CRITERIA:

- Maximum amount = \$125,000
- A 30% match required
- 18-month cycle

## PROJECT REVIEW:

- A well-defined and focused project
- Overall impact of the project on the food and agriculture industry in Michigan
- Measurable outcomes
- Capacity building/grower connection/increase in supply of locally available products
- Amount of product sourced and produced in Michigan
- The amount of match provided
- The long-term sustainability of the project
- The short-term and long-term impact, including jobs and investments in Michigan

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