



Resilient Food System Infrastructure Program



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Agenda

- Program Guidelines Overview
- MiLogin Registration
- Applications (MiAgGrants)
- Question & Answer via Chat

Please submit all questions via the Q&A feature or by email to mda-grants@michigan.gov



RFSI Grant Timeline

- May 8, 2024 – Program Launched
- May 15, 2024 – Informational Webinar
- June 17, 2024 – Applications are Due
- Virtual Office Hours
- In-person Office Hours

RFSI Program Overview

The RFSI program is designed to:

- Build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain
- Provide more and better markets for Michigan's small farms and food businesses
- Support the development of value-added products for consumers, fair prices, fair wages, and job creation

Funds will support expanded capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally and regionally produced food products.

RFSI Funding Priorities

The funding priorities include

- Expanding capacity for processing, aggregation and distribution of ag products to create more and better markets for producers;
- Modernizing manufacturing, tracking, storage, and IT systems;
- Enhancing worker safety through adoption of new technologies or investment in equipment or facility improvements;
- Improving the capacity of entities to comply with federal, state, and local food safety requirements;
- Improve operations through training opportunities;
- Support construction of a new facility;
- Modernizing or expanding an existing facility;
- Construction of wastewater management structures, etc;
- Modernizing processing and manufacturing equipment; and
- Developing, customizing, or installing equipment that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases efficiency in water use, improves air and/or water quality, and/or meets one or more of USDA's climate action goals.

Applicant Eligibility

- Agricultural producers or processors, or groups of agricultural producers and processors
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit entities whose activities are primarily focused for the benefit of local and regional producers, and that meet the eligibility requirements of the SBA small business size standards are eligible.
 - For-profit entities must meet the eligibility requirements of the SBA small business size standards matched to industries described in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).
- Local government entities
- Tribal governments
- Institutions such as schools, universities, or hospitals bringing producers together to establish cooperative or shared infrastructure or invest in equipment that will benefit multiple producers



RFSI Equipment Only Funding

- For equipment purchases related to the supply chain by eligible entities
- Minimum and Maximum grant amount \$10,000 - \$100,000
- Can be multiple pieces of equipment
- Quotes/Estimates need to be provided
- No match is required for this funding

RFSI Infrastructure Funding

- For broader infrastructure grants related to:
 - expanding the processing or distribution of agricultural products
 - modernizing or expanding technology systems
 - facilities
 - training opportunities
 - enhancing worker safety, and more
- Infrastructure grants require a 50 percent match in most cases
- NEPA Review
- Maximum funding amount of \$475,000

Cost Sharing and Matching for Infrastructure Grants

- Required to contribute 50% of the total proposed project cost as a match to federal funding.
- This applies to all applicants except those who qualify for the reduced match.
- For historically underserved farmers and ranchers, or for other businesses that qualify under SBA categories of small disadvantaged businesses, women-owned small businesses, or veteran-owned small businesses, the required match funding contribution or cost share is reduced to 25% of the project cost.



MiAgGrants System Registration (DEMO)

- [MiLogin - Login \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- DEMO – MiLogin Registration

The screenshot shows the Michigan MiLogin website. The header includes the MiLogin logo and navigation links for Help, Contact Us, and News. A banner at the top provides information on early voting with a link to Michigan.gov/Vote. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column features a dark blue background with the text 'Michigan's one-stop login solution' and a right-pointing arrow. Below this, a paragraph explains that MiLogin connects users to various state services. The right column is white and contains the login interface, including fields for 'User ID or Email' and 'Password', with links for 'Lookup your user ID' and 'Forgot your password?'. It also features 'Log In' and 'Create an Account' buttons, an 'or' separator, and a 'Log In Passwordless' button. A note at the bottom of the right column explains the passwordless login process and includes a 'Learn More' link. A small 'Privacy - Terms' icon is visible in the bottom right corner.

MiLogin Help Contact Us News

Get personalized voter information on early voting and other topics. [Michigan.gov/Vote](#)

Michigan's one-stop login solution

MiLogin connects you to all State of Michigan services through one single user ID. Whether you want to renew your driver's license, file for unemployment, view your state tax return status, or apply for health benefits, you can use your MiLogin user ID to log in to Michigan government services.

Welcome to
MiLogin

User ID or Email

[Lookup your user ID](#)

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

Log In

Create an Account

or

Enrolled in passwordless?

Log In Passwordless

If you are not enrolled, login with your user ID (or email) and password and we will guide you through the enrollment steps.
[Learn More](#)

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MiAgGrants System Application (DEMO)

The screenshot shows the login interface for the MiAgGrants Michigan Agriculture Grant System. The header features the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development logo and the system name. The main content is divided into two sections: a welcome message and a login form.

MiAgGrants
Michigan Agriculture Grant System

Welcome to the online Grants Management System - IGX!

Access to this e-grants management system, all organizations will need to register with the system.

Steps to Get Started:

- The initial registration for your organization must be completed by an authorized official (CEO) for the organization.
- Once the org registers for organization, they will receive an email notification of access approval from the online system administrator.
- The org can then assign administrator organizational account for additional staff members as they deem appropriate.

To visit our official website click the following link: <http://www.miangrants.com>

Login

Username

Password

Log In

[Forgot Username/Password?](#)
[New User? Register Here!](#)

Application Review Process

- Competitive Review
- JEC – scoring and review meeting
- Scoring Based off a 100 – point scale
 - Alignment and Intent – 30 points
 - Technical Merit – 20 points
 - Achievability – 25 points
 - Fiscal Plan & Resources – 20 points
 - Historically Underserved Status – 5 points

Question and Answer



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