2025 Specialty Crop Block Grant Recipients

Applicant	Project Title	Amount Awarded
MDARD International Marketing Program	International and Domestic Promotion of Michigan Specialty Crops	$156,779.55
Area Community Services, Employment & Training Council	Supporting Specialty Crop Growers with Food Safety Certification and Workforce Development	$83,470.00
Cherry Marketing Institute	Enhancing and Unifying the Digital Presence of the Michigan and U.S. Cherry Industry	$122,500.00
Hop Growers of Michigan	Innovative Management of Downy Mildew in Michigan Hopyards	$99,000.00
Michigan Apple Committee	Enhancing Social Marketing to Build Brand Loyalty for Michigan Apples	$125,000.00
Michigan Asparagus Advisory	Promoting Climate-Resilient Asparagus Production Through Decision Support and Sustainable Soil and Nutrient Management	$100,000.00
Michigan Bean Commission	A Systems Approach to Improving the Sustainable Production of Dry Beans in Michigan: Stage II	$99,999.00
Michigan Blueberry Commission	Advancing Anthracnose Management in Michigan Blueberries	$99,000.00
Michigan Blueberry Commission	Evaluating New IPM Tools to Advance Spotted-Wing Drosophila Control for Michigan Blueberry Growers	$66,797.00
Michigan Celery Research	Integrated Strategies for Management of Herbicide-Resistant Weeds and Bolting in Celery	$99,998.00
Michigan Christmas Tree Association	Understanding and Managing Armillaria and Phytophthora Root Rot in Michigan Christmas Tree Plantations	$89,444.00
Michigan Grape Society	Evaluating Sustainable Management Systems for Successful Establishment of Michigan Vineyards and Orchards.	$97,941.00
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association	The Real Cost of Weed Control	$19,999.00
Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association	Alternative Pesticides for Nursery Container Production	$100,000.00
Michigan Onion Committee	Onion Growers Seek to Limit Leaf Spot to Preserve Yields	$99,108.00
Michigan Potato Industry Commission	Nitrogen Dynamics of Various N Sources and N-15 Isotope Fate in Potato	$85,630.00
Michigan Seed Potato Association	Post-Harvest Testing Method Comparison in MI Certified Seed Potatoes	$72,320.00

Michigan State Horticultural Society	Creation of a User-Friendly Mobile Phone App for Enviroweather	$99,200.00
Michigan State Horticultural Society	Optimizing Sensory Quality in Controlled Environment Strawberry Production	$100,000.00
Michigan Vegetable Council	Sustainable Management of Root-Knot Nematodes in Michigan Vegetable Production Systems	$96,925.00
Michigan Wine Collaborative	Taste the Best of Michigan Pilot	$64,800.00
New City Neighbors	Expanding Specialty Crop Training in West Michigan	$98,822.25