



Underserved, Value-Added, and Regional Food Systems Grants Fact Sheet

Proposals Due by 5:00 p.m., June 11, 2025

MDARD's underserved, value added, and regional food systems grant aims to promote the expansion of value-added agriculture production, processing, develop food systems, healthy food access, and underserved business development 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 agricultural processing and underserved development in Michigan; expand or develop regional food systems; or expand access to healthy food, including farm markets, flower markets, urban & rural agriculture, and hoop houses.

FUNDING AREAS:

- Value added food processing and agro-tourism
 - Innovation and equipment
 - Feasibility studies; that lead to jobs/investment
 - Outreach, education, and training
- Food hub development
- Food access and education, including access to fresh/nutritional foods
- Urban Agriculture
- Farm markets, flower markets, and hoop houses

GRANT CRITERIA:

- Maximum amount = \$100,000
- A 30% match required
- 15% reduced match for underserved self-certification
- 18-month cycle

ELIGIBLE COSTS:

- Kits for movable growing structures including Hoop Houses
- Walk-in cooler
- Display coolers
- Work benches
- Baking equipment
- Shelving
- Signage

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