



Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program



Application period:
09/01/2022 - 11/18/2022



Available funding for 2022: \$300M

Increasing Land Access funds cooperative agreements or grants for projects that help move underserved producers from surviving to thriving



Goals and merit criteria for Increasing Land Access grants:

Land access is critical to the success of agriculture. Underserved producers have not received the amount of specialized technical support that would benefit the launch, growth, resilience, and success of their agricultural enterprises.

Projects must focus on strengthening land access with at least one of the following related areas of concern:

- Capital access concerns that affect the ability to access land.
- Market access concerns that affect the ability to access land.
- A combination of one or more of land, capital, and market access concerns.

Increasing Land Access Program Details

This program follows a competitive process that funds cooperative agreements or grants for projects that help move underserved producers from surviving to thriving.

Match funding requirement: N/A

Description	Goal of the program is to increase access to farm ownership opportunities, increasing access and improving results for those with heirs' property or fractionated land, increasing access to markets and capital that affect the ability to access land, and increasing land ownership, land succession, and agricultural business planning.	
Eligible uses	Projects to improve land access (including heirs' property and fractionated land issues) for underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners, including veterans, limited resource producers, beginning farmers and ranchers, and farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners living in high poverty areas.	
Award amounts:	<i>Minimum award</i>	No detail
	<i>Maximum award</i>	No detail
	<i>Award notes</i>	Additional funding appropriations are required for this program to release a new application process since IRA assigned \$250M for this program and the full amount has been awarded.
Previous awards (national)	<i>2023 Awards</i>	50 projects (\$300M total)

Examples of past winners in Michigan



2020 Farmers Cooperative Land Access and Farm Academy Program (2022)

Lead Applicant: 2020 Farmers Cooperative

Project Geographic Area: Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina

Target Audience: Black and Brown Farmers

Project description:

The 2020 Farmers Cooperative will utilize this grant opportunity to support historically underserved farmers in overcoming core barriers to attaining access to land, capital, market opportunities, and technical resources. The Cooperative will implement a Land Access and Farm Academy Program, which will offer 1) a microgrant program for farmers, 2) a re-lending program distributing the land owned by the Cooperative, 3) support in positioning farmers to participate in USDA programs and services, and 4) dedicated training and technical assistance through our Farm Academy program. The project will leverage the purchase of 450 acres of farmland into an accessible, low-interest rate re-lending program for 100 farmers and the establishment of two Farm Academy hands-on agricultural learning labs.



The Detroit Farmer Collective: Envisioning a Black and Brown-led Grower Cooperative (2022)

Lead Applicant: Workin Rootz

Project Geographic Area: Michigan

Target Audience: Primarily Black and Brown Urban Farmers

Project description:

This proposal centers on increasing land and capacity at five urban farms/community market gardens in Detroit: 1) Workin' Roots Farm, 2) Love n' Labor, 3) Foster Patch Community Garden, 4) Love Earth Herbal, and 5) Urban Bush Sistahs. These farms will also serve as resource hubs by sharing infrastructure (tiller, lawn tractor, wash and pack, cooler storage, etc) with other urban farmers and gardeners in their prospective neighborhoods. Additional farmers will have increased access to land, capital, and markets through a Grower Mini-Grant Program and "Back of the House" Services (technical assistance) provided by the Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund.



On Solid Ground: Enabling a New Generation to Access Land and Thrive in Agriculture (2022)

Lead Applicant: American Farmland Trust

Project Geographic Area: National

Target Audience: BIPOC, LGBTQ+, Veterans

Project description:

On Solid Ground's overarching goal is to increase access to land, capital, and markets and improve the successful participation of underserved producers across the nation in USDA programs and services. For this application, underserved farmers and ranchers include socially disadvantaged, limited resource, LGBTQ+, and veteran farmers, as well as farms that are small and mid-sized, serve local and regional markets, and/or are in impoverished areas. While this project will work to support this broader group, specific attention in its design and key partnerships has been made to address disparities for BIPOC producers based on geographic concentration.

What you will need to apply for a Increasing Land Access grant

The program is administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency and will help underserved producers by increasing land, capital, and market access.



Eligible Applicants

- State or unit of local government
- Indian tribe
- Not-for-profit educational institutions
- Non-profit organizations
 - Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)
 - Foundations
 - Tribal financial institutions with a 501c3 status



Key Grant Application Components¹

No page application limit

- Section 1006 of the Inflation Reduction Act, as amended by Section 22007 of the American Rescue Plan Act includes provisions for USDA to ensure underserved producers have resources, tools, programs, and technical support they need to succeed. As part of Section 1006, as amended, USDA launched the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access (Increasing Land Access) Program.
- Priority points will be awarded to projects that focus on increasing land access, mitigating and preventing land loss, providing specialized project design and focus to address the challenges with land access, innovative ways to connect available land to underserved producers who have challenges in accessing land, or restore lands into the hands of underserved producers.

Additional details

- Additional funding appropriations are required for this program to release a new application process since IRA assigned \$250M for this program and the full amount has been awarded.

1. Not inclusive of all documents required to apply; please refer to NOFO for the full requirements and details