



## Transportation and Marketing



# Local Meat Capacity Grant (Local MCap)

## Overview

The Local MCap grant program is targeted to support meat and poultry processors and rendering facilities with smaller-scale projects. The goal of this program is to increase processing availability and variety for local and regional livestock producers. Smaller-scale projects eligible for this program include equipment purchases and installation, facility and equipment upgrades, minor alterations and renovation, and capacity expansion. To read about the entire program please see the Local Meat Capacity Grant Request for Application (RFA).

- **Application Opened: April 19, 2023**
- **Application Closes: July 19, 2023, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time**

## Who is eligible?

Eligible applicants for Local MCap grants include individual, sole proprietor business or other business entities engaged in meat and poultry processing, including rendering animal carcasses or byproducts, including Tribes and Tribal Entities, for-profit entities, and State or local government entities. Private entities must be independently owned and operated. Applicants must be domestically owned, and their facilities must be physically located within the 50 States of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Eligible entities must be currently operating and must process or plan to process one or more species subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) or the Poultry Product Inspection Act (PPIA) and possess

or plan to obtain a Federal Grant of Inspection, a grant of inspection under the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Cooperative Interstate Shipment Program, or a state meat and poultry inspection program with standards at least equal to Federal inspection at the time of application. Plants processing non-amenable species under voluntary FSIS or state inspection are also eligible to apply for funding. Additional definitions can be found in the RFA Section 3.1.

### What is the maximum grant amount?

- **Processing Expansion Projects:** Minimum - \$100,000 Max: \$5 million
- **Simplified Equipment Only Projects:** Minimum - \$10,000 Maximum- \$250,000

### Is there a cost share or match required?

**Processing Expansion Projects** only require a match. Grant Recipients are required to contribute 50% of the total proposed project costs.

Grant recipients that are Historically Underserved Farmers or Ranchers or for other businesses that qualify under the Small Business Administration (SBA) categories of Small Disadvantaged Business, Women-Owned Small Business, and Veteran-Owned Small Business, the match requirement is **reduced to 25% of the total proposed project cost** as a match to the federal funding. Applicants will be required to self-certify in their Project Narrative to become eligible for this reduced match.

### What can I use the funding for?

**Processing Expansion Projects:** Will fund grants to increase processing and/or rendering capacity. Funding requests that include building and facility upgrades, can include improvements to re-arrange and/or alterations to a facility that are required to use a space more effectively and to accommodate new or upgraded equipment and processes.

**Simplified Equipment Only Projects:** This grant offers a simplified application to fund smaller grants for equipment purchases for meat and poultry processing or rendering facilities. This option is a Fixed Price Grant, meaning it will fund only new equipment purchases and the amount will equal the cost of the equipment up to \$250,000. More information is in section 1.3 of the RFA.

### More information

Visit the Local MCap website for additional information: [www.ams.usda.gov/localmcap](http://www.ams.usda.gov/localmcap)

For questions about Local MCap please see the program FAQs:  
[www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/2023\\_LocalMCAp\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/2023_LocalMCAp_FAQ.pdf)

Technical Assistance: [www.ams.usda.gov/mppta](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mppta)

### Contact us

For questions about Local MCap after closely reviewing the RFA and FAQs, please email [LocalMCAp@usda.gov](mailto:LocalMCAp@usda.gov).