Agricultural Marketing Service
Creating Opportunities for American Farmers & Businesses
HR 133: Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020

- Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP)
- Local Agriculture Marketing Program (LAMP)
- HR 133 (Section 751) – “PPE Grants”
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

• **Normally:** $75 Million in annual Farm Bill Funding.

• **HR 133 Stimulus:** $100 Million in no-year funding
  • AMS expects to spend this ASAP.
Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

• 2021 Request for Applications:
  • 1 RFA
  • 2 applications (Farm Bill application and HR133 Stimulus application)

• Specialty Crop Industry and State Dept of Ag Input:
  • Compiled flexibility considerations and presented to General Counsel.
  • Some flexibilities already existed but have never been requested.
  • Flexibilities that did not already exist are included, where able.
Local Agriculture Marketing Program (LAMP)

- **Contains:**
  - Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP)
  - Regional Food Systems Partnership (RFSP)
  - Value Added Producer Grant Program
    - Administered by USDA Rural Development
Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program

• **Normally:** $24 million no-year Farm Bill funding (provided annually)
  • 25% match required

• **HR 133 COVID Stimulus:** $47 million no-year funding
  • 10% match required

• **HR 133 Omnibus:** $7.4 million annual funding
  • 25% match required
Regional Food System Partnership

- **Normally**: $5 million no-year Farm Bill funding (provided annually)
  - 25% cash match required (in-kind not allowed)

- **HR 133 COVID Stimulus**: $10 million no-year funding
  - 10% cash OR in-kind match required
SCBGP, FMLFPP and RFSP 2021 RFAs coming soon!
AMS Grant RFAs Already Announced:

• Fed-State Marketing Improvement Grant (FSMIP)
• Acer Access and Development Program
  • Maple Syrup Industry
• Microgrants for Food Security
  • Alaska, Hawaii and Territories
HR 133
Section 751
Funds

- **Legislation provided funds for grants to support to respond to COVID-19.**
  - Focuses on worker safety measures.
- **Eligible entities:**
  - Small or midsized food processors or distributors
  - Seafood processing facilities and processing vessels
  - Farmers markets
  - Producers
- **USDA AMS hosted listening sessions and collected public comments in March.**
- **AMS is now designing a program that can meet the broad range of needs.**
Thank you!