



Livestock and Poultry Program



Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity- Technical Assistance Program

Supporting USDA Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Initiatives

The Biden Administration dedicated \$1 billion in American Rescue Plan funds for the expansion and diversification of independent processing capacity. USDA announced a host of [Meat and Poultry Supply Chain programs and initiatives](#) to meet this objective.

These programs impact stakeholders across the protein supply chain and require a robust suite of technical assistance to expand and diversify processing capacity at local and regional levels. AMS developed the Meat and Poultry Processing Capacity Technical Assistance (MPPTA) Program to support participants of these programs, including the Meat and Poultry Inspection Readiness Grant Program (MPIRG) and the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP).

Technical Assistance Providers

The Flower Hill Institute, a native-owned nonprofit based out of the Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico, is the Technical Assistance (TA) Coordinator for this multi-year program, and connects USDA grant applicants and grant-funded project managers to the resources and expertise best suited to support a project's needs. They are joined by Oregon State University's Niche Meat Processors Assistance Network, the Intertribal Agricultural Council, the American Association of Meat Processors, the American Meat Science Association, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute to expand assistance and support projects nationwide.

Technical Assistance Providers utilize in-house resources and networks of connections to support stakeholders through four technical assistance scopes:

1. Federal grant application management
2. Business development and financial planning
3. Meat and poultry processing technical and operational support
4. Supply chain development

What Does MPPTA Offer?

- Access to technical advisors located across industry, academia, and state and federal governments.
- Focused outreach to a diversity of meat and poultry processing stakeholders, including small, rural, minority-owned, Native American and Tribal-owned businesses, and other underserved groups seeking to build or expand local and regional meat and poultry supply chain capacity.
- General assistance with navigating USDA grant application and award processes, and guidance for successful post-award grant project management.
- One-one-one advising, including project and proposal reviews tailored to the needs of diverse stakeholders ranging from small and very small businesses to regional concepts and established mid-sized processing companies.
- Educational events, webinars, resources, and publications covering topics of interest for meat and poultry processing enterprises of all types.

The MPPTA Program does not offer or provide contractor services or financial capital. It does not offer grant writing or project management services, nor does the voluntary use of MPPTA guarantee the success of a grant application or the grant-funded project.

How to Request Technical Assistance

USDA Meat and Poultry Supply Chain program participants are encouraged to reach out directly to Flower Hill Institute to discuss their technical assistance needs.

Visit the website to begin: www.ams.usda.gov/MPPTA

Contact us

AskLP@usda.gov

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