

Federal Grants for Vermont Agriculture Entities



	<u>Community Recovery and Revitalization (Agency of Commerce and Community Development)</u>	<u>Working Lands ARPA-Funded Primary Producer Impact Grant (Agency of Agriculture)</u>
Eligible Applicants	Impacted industry (Including a business with Agriculture NAICS Code 11 or dependent on Agriculture) or Qualified Census Tract	Primary producers of major agricultural and forest products, i.e. crop production, livestock rearing, sugaring, dairy, logging
Eligible Projects	Impacted industries track: reopening, facility upgrade/expansion, disease mitigation or ventilation systems Qualified Census Tract: disease prevention, ventilation, capital investments, rehabilitation of properties, façade or vacant properties	Market development, infrastructure, processing, workforce development
Due	Rolling	December 16, 2022 (Phase 1)
Project Length	Through December 2026 (some funding can cover expenses from March 2021)	June 2023 – June 2025
Funding Amount	Up to \$1 million or 20% of project costs	\$50,000 - \$250,000
Full Details	accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/funding-incentives/community-recovery-and-revitalization-program-business-and-nonprofits	workinglands.vermont.gov/grant-contract-opportunities/arpa-primary-producer-impact-grant
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Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center - Various (Agency of Agriculture)

Eligible Applicants	Dairy farmers, processors, and support organizations for cow, goat, and sheep dairy
Eligible Projects	Multiple opportunities, including: Food Safety and Certification, Farm Innovation, Processor Expansion, Organic On-Farm Milk Storage & Handling, Processor Innovation, and Marketing and Branding
Due	Varies
Project Length	Varies
Funding Amount	Varies
Full Details	agriculture.vermont.gov/dbic/grants
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Grant Application Support

Agency of Agriculture partners and resources for Vermont businesses: agriculture.vermont.gov/development/business-planning-assistance - including:

Farm and Forest Viability Program

- (802) 828-1098 or vhcb.org/viability
- Provides business advising and networking for businesses

Regional Development Corporations

- (802) 585-8225 or accd.vermont.gov/economic-development/resources/rdc
- Provide local knowledge and facilitate assistance

Vermont Small Business Development Center

- (802) 728-9101n or vtsbdc.org
- Provides expertise and advising to business owners

UVM Extension Agriculture Business Programs

- (802) 476-2003 or corinne.cooper@uvm.edu
- Provides one-to-one, small group and online learning opportunities that enhance decision-making and viability

Loan Opportunities

Vermont Economic Development Authority Short Term Forgivable Loan:

- <https://www.veda.org/financing-options/other-financing-option/forgivable-0>
- flp@veda.org



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