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RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

What is RFSI?

The purpose of the RFSI program is to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain; to provide more and better markets to small farms and food businesses; and to support the development of value-added products for consumers, fair prices, fair wages and new and safe job opportunities.

MDA will distribute the funds as competitive grants to invest in the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storage, transportation, wholesale and distribution of locally produced food.

Application Guidelines

There are two grant applications available. The **Simplified Equipment-Only Grant** funds may be used for equipment purchases only. The **Infrastructure Grant** funds may be used for improvements, rearrangements, or alterations of an existing building or facility.



Simplified Equipment-Only Grant

- Applications Due: **March 8, 2024 at 3 p.m.**
- Anticipated Award Date: **July 1, 2024**
- Project Completion deadline: **June 30, 2025**
- Minimum Award **\$10,000** and Maximum Award **\$100,000**
- **No match required**

Infrastructure Grant

- Applications Due: **March 15, 2024 at 3 p.m.**
- Anticipated Award Date: **July 1, 2024**
- Project Completion deadline: **Dec. 31, 2026**
- Minimum Award **\$100,000** and Maximum Award **\$3,000,000**
- **50% match required.** For underserved farmers and ranchers, a **reduced 25% match** is required.

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