

LOCAL PRODUCE AND PROTEIN PROGRAM EQUIPMENT GRANT FOR PRODUCERS AND FOOD HUBS

OVERVIEW

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) is seeking applications for grants to provide fruit and vegetable growers and food hubs equipment or supplies needed to increase capability to sell produce to schools, early care centers, and colleges and universities to meet demand brought on as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant funds of \$110,000 will be divided by the number of eligible applicants with an award amount between \$5,000 - \$10,000. Applications are due September 7, 2020.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Fruit and vegetable growers or food hubs willing to sell produce to schools and enrolled in the Iowa Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Directory.

ELIGIBILITY DETAILS

The applicant understands that reimbursement amounts are based upon applicable and reasonable project cost(s) provided by the applicant.

Reimbursements will require actual/copies of receipts, expenses, or invoices. The costs must be incurred between March 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020 to be eligible for reimbursement assistance.

The applicant must complete a financial and performance report, enroll in the directory and provide proof of actual expenditure(s), and submit all applicable documents to IDALS by December 15, 2020.

ELIGIBLE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Refrigerated truck rental
- Washing or grading equipment
- Harvest equipment
- Additional cold storage needs
- Boxes and packaging
- Essential supplies to maintain on-farm operations or ensure customer safety.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications are due September 7, 2020, and include:

1. List of equipment planned to be purchased with estimated costs(s).
2. Description of how this will improve the efficiency of selling produce to schools, early care centers or universities and/or increase volume.
3. Any previous experience working with schools, early care centers or colleges/universities or plans to work with these entities.

Upon approval of application:

1. Submit IRS Form W9 & signed contract
2. Applicant should complete planned equipment/supplies purchase as outlined in application.
3. Once purchases/expenses are complete, applicant may submit for reimbursement.

Reimbursement requires:

- Actual/copies of receipts, expenses or invoices paid

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Tammy Stotts at tammy.stotts@iowaagriculture.gov or call 515-281-7657 with any questions regarding the grant application.