



Livestock Protection Innovation Grant Program Program Guidelines

Program Overview

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) is seeking proposals from Iowa-based companies engaged in animal vaccine manufacturing or research to support the development or enhancement of capacity to prevent, detect, or respond to foreign animal diseases that pose a threat to Iowa's livestock industry.

The Livestock Protection Innovation Grant Program exists to assist in the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases by a company based in Iowa that develops livestock and other animal vaccines.

One grant of \$100,000 will be awarded. No match is required.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible companies must meet the following requirements:

- The company must be based in Iowa and be engaged in the development of livestock and other animal vaccines
- The company must have a prior relationship with the United States Department of Agriculture, including a collaboration with the USDA-Agricultural Research Service or by having a product registered with the USDA-Center for Veterinary Biologics
- The company must have a vaccine platform that is viable for a foreign animal disease response

Funding and Eligible Costs

Funds may be used for projects that contribute to Iowa's capacity to develop, test, or manufacture animal vaccines related to foreign animal diseases. Grant funding may only cover direct costs of the proposed project including but not limited to personnel, supplies, equipment, travel, or other relevant costs.

Direct vs. Indirect Costs Guidance

Direct costs are those costs that can be identified specifically with the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases or that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy.

Indirect costs are those costs that cannot easily be directly attributed to the development of vaccines against foreign animal diseases. Those costs are often identified as general administration and general expenses such as accounting, overhead, and all other types of expenditures not attributed specifically to the proposed project.

Proposal Requirements

Requests for funding must be **submitted electronically to Vaccine@IowaAgriculture.gov by November 20** and include the following information:

1. Cover Page
 - a. Organization name, address, contact person, email, and phone number
 - b. Project title and total funding requested
2. Project Summary
 - a. Brief description of the project and intended outcomes
3. Project Description
 - a. Objectives and activities
 - b. Relevance to foreign animal disease preparedness
 - c. Timeline and major milestones
 - d. Key staff and qualifications
4. Budget and Budget Narrative
 - a. Itemized budget showing how funds will be utilized
 - b. Explanation of costs
5. Organizational Capacity
 - a. Overview of company expertise, facilities, and partnerships

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed and scored as part of a competitive award process.

Scoring criteria (100 points total)

- Relevance to foreign animal disease preparedness and Iowa livestock protection (30 points)
- Experience and qualifications of applicant and team (25 points)
- Potential impact to protect Iowa's livestock industry (20 points)
- Reasonableness of proposed workplan, budget, and timelines (15 points)
- Sufficiency of application (10 points)

Award Administration

The selected applicant will enter into a grant agreement with IDALS specifying terms, budget, and reporting requirements. The awardee will be required to submit a report (2-3 pages) to the Department at the conclusion of the project describing the following:

- Activities completed
- Outcomes achieved
- How funds were used

Timeline

Application period announced	November 6, 2025
Applications due	November 20, 2025
Review period	Late November-Early December
Award notification	Early December
Contract execution	By end of 2025
Project completion	No later than June 30, 2026
Final report due	July 31, 2026