



USDA Invites Applications for Value-Added Producer Grants

Apply by January 31, 2018

Value-added producer grants help agricultural producers enter into value-added activities related to processing and/or marketing bio-based, value-added products.

Grant funds can cover costs related to planning activities or working capital expenses necessary for processing and marketing value-added products.

- Up to \$75,000 is available for planning activities
- Up to \$250,000 is available for working capital
- Matching funds are required – 50% of total project costs

Examples of planning activities include conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans for processing and marketing new value-added products. Examples of working capital expenses include processing costs, advertising expenses, and some inventory and salary costs.

Grants are awarded through a national competition. Full application instructions are available online at www.rd.usda.gov/vapg.

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