

Value-Added Producer Grants

What does this program do?

Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPGs) help agricultural producers generate new products, create or expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.

Here are some examples of value-added activities:

- **Jams and jellies made from produce grown on your farm**
- **Textiles woven from fleece harvested on your ranch**

Who can apply?

- **Agricultural producers and associated groups**
- **Farmer and rancher cooperatives**
- **Majority-controlled, producer-based business ventures**



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How can funds be used?

Grant and matching funds can be used for planning activities or working capital expenses related to producing and marketing value-added agricultural products.

Examples of planning activities include:

- Conducting feasibility studies
- Developing business plans

Examples of working capital expenses include:

- Processing costs
- Marketing and advertising expenses
- Eligible inventory and salary expenses

What are some grant terms?

VAPG awardees must provide recurring financial and performance reports to USDA Rural Development. Terms are outlined in your Financial Assistance Agreement.

How do we get started?

- Your local USDA Rural Development state office staff can help. A list of offices is available at this link: go.usa.gov/xjHPE.
- Please review the information provided under the “To Apply” tab on the VAPG program webpage, available at this link: tinyurl.com/VAPG-apply.

What governs this program?

The VAPG program is authorized under Section 231 of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-224) as amended by the Agricultural Act of 2018 (Public Law 113-79, available at this link: tinyurl.com/PL-113-79 - PDF).

Federal regulations associated with the VAPG provide comprehensive information about the program’s purpose, explain application requirements, and illustrate acceptable uses for VAPG funding.

NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: go.usa.gov/xjHPE. You will find additional resources, forms, and program information at rd.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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