



Disclaimer: This document contains a wealth of resources. Feel free to keep it and explore topics as needed. If you're looking for information on a subject not included here, please reach out to the Farmer Educator (jcallander@farrms.org) for assistance.

Grant availability varies, and some programs listed may have already closed or have not yet been announced as of the last update. Most grants open and close around the same time each year, so if you are interested in a specific grant, monitor application dates for the next cycle.

Grants for Beginning Farmers:

[NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#)

Purpose: Through EQIP, agricultural producers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land. Examples include high tunnels, irrigation, tree rows, and organic certification.

Match Requirement: No Match, is reimbursement funding

Application Dates: Applications are accepted in batches. Contact your local office.

Resources: [Fact Sheet](#)

[American Farmland Trust - "Brighter Future Fund"](#)

Purpose: To improve farm viability; Access, transfer, or permanently protect farmland; or adopt regenerative agricultural practices

Funding: Unknown

Match Requirement: Unknown

Application Dates: Open: Summer 2026 ~ Due: Unknown

Resources:

[Food Animal Concerns Trust \(Fund-a-Farmer\)](#)

Purpose: To improve farm animal welfare, expand humane farming, and support capital and operational work.

Funding: Maximum \$3,000

Match Requirement: No Match

Application Dates: Open: November 2026 ~ Due: January 2027

Resources: [Previously Funded](#)

[Farmers Mini-Grant \(NDFMGA\)](#)

Purpose: A new member selling at a farmers market or selling directly to the consumer of 'Dakota Grown' products. Eligible for an award if you're within the first or second year of selling directly to consumers.

Funding: Maximum of \$300

Match Requirement: No Match

Application Dates: Open: April 15, 2026.





[Farm to School Grant \(NDFMGA\)](#)

Purpose: To help growers and producers start selling into schools, restaurants, grocery stores, or other entities not related to a farmers' market in North Dakota.

Funding: Maximum of \$300

Match Requirement: No Match

Application Dates: Open: April 15th, 2026

[Town & Country Credit Union](#)

Purpose: To apply for the grant, members will answer this essay question: How would your small business use the funds to create a positive impact on your staff, customers, or the community? Must be a current Town & Country Credit Union member in good standing and a for-profit business in operation.

Funding: Maximum of \$2,500

Match Requirement: No Match

Application Dates: Open: May 2025

[COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM - Mountrail County JDA](#)

Purpose: In partnership with the Souris Basin Planning Council, funded projects have a public purpose and aim to improve quality of life, fulfill an essential community need(s), and enhance community programming in Mountrail County.

Eligibility: Must be in Mountrail County, ND

Funding: No stated maximum

Match Requirement: 25%

Application Dates: Due: April 10th ~ June 30th ~ September 30th

[Good Farmer Award](#)

Purpose: Grant funding is to invest in equipment and initiatives that elevate their agro-ecological efforts, along with an all-expenses-paid trip (valued at \$5,000) to the European Regenerative Organic Center (EROC) in Parma, Italy—a premier research and training hub connected to the Davines Group Village. Open to beginning farmers utilizing regenerative practices.

Funding: \$10,000

Match Requirement: No Match

Application Date: Open: October 12, 2025 ~ Due: January 26, 2026.

Resources: [Regulations and Guidelines](#)

[NDN Collective Abundance Fund](#)

Purpose: The Collective Abundance Fund is available to Indigenous individuals and families in the tri-state region of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota with grants to support their dreams and aspirations of rebuilding Indigenous wealth.

Funding: \$25,000 or \$50,000

Match Requirement: Unknown

Application Date: Open: November 5th, 2025 ~ Due: December 5th, 2025



[Future Organic Farmers CCOF Student Grants](#)

Purpose: Grants support higher education and vocational students pursuing degrees or certificates in organic agriculture to help cover tuition and educational expenses.

Funding: \$5,000

Match Requirement: n/a

Application Dates: Open: March 16th ~ Due: April 17th, 2026.

[The FruitGuys Community Fund](#)

Purpose: Projects are awarded based on their impact to help farms operate more sustainably as well as strengthen the community.

Funding: Max \$5,000

Match Requirements:

Application Dates: Due: January 30th, 2026

Grants for Experienced Farmers:

[Value Added Producer Grant](#)

Purpose: Helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income.

Funding: Maximum of \$75,000, Working Capital Grants maximum of \$200,000

Match Requirement: 100% Match

Application Dates: Open: February 17th ~ Due: April 22nd, 2026

Resources: [Fact Sheet](#) ~ [Farmer Guide](#)

Video: <https://youtu.be/HNyWKgalehI?si=98lryFApiS20Hvug>

[Ag Products Utilization \(APUC\)](#)

Purpose: The goal of APUC is to create new wealth and employment opportunities through the development of new and expanded uses of North Dakota's agricultural products.

Funding: No stated limits, overall funding pool is the limit of awards.

Match Requirement: 25-50% Match

Application Dates: Due: January 1st ~ April 1st ~ July 1st ~ October 1st

Resources: [Previously Funded](#) ~ [Guidelines](#)

[NC SARE Farmer and Rancher Grant](#)

Purpose: Support producers who are protecting natural resources, enhancing communities, and boosting profitability.

Funding: Maximums: \$15,000 for individuals, and \$30,000 for groups.

Match Requirement: No Match, is reimbursement funding

Application Dates: Opens: Mid-August ~ Due: Early December

Resources: [Previously Funded](#)

Video: [FARRMS Part A](#) ~ [FARRMS Part B](#)



[Specialty Crop Block Grant Program](#)

Purpose: Funds are awarded to projects that enhance the competitiveness of North Dakota specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as “fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture).”

Funding: There isn't a minimum or maximum funding request amount. The average award amount is \$113,000

Match Requirement:

Application Dates: Open: December ~ Due: January

Resources: [Writing Tips](#) ~ [Brochure](#) ~ [General Terms](#)

[THE PATRICK LEAHY FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM](#)

Purpose: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) awards grants to help connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals.

Funding:

Match Requirement: 25% match

Application Dates: Open: October

Searchable Databases for Grants:

- [Ambrook.com](#)
- [Grants.gov](#)
- [Helloalice.com](#)
 - Need an Account

Additional Info:

- [Grant Webinars | Agricultural Marketing Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

These webinars are presented by the USDA and provide an overview of the various grant programs they offer, including guidance on eligibility and how to apply.

- [Local and Regional Food Systems Resource Guide \(wordpress.com\)](#)

The Local and Regional Food Systems Resource Guide (LRFS) helps stakeholders navigate USDA programs and resources that support and strengthen local and regional food systems. The guide organizes programs by supply chain stage and provides brief, easy-to-read summaries for each program.

- [ND Women's Business Center - How to Fund My Business](#)

The North Dakota Women's Business Center (NDWBC) offers **Funding Fridays**, a series designed to help entrepreneurs and small business owners explore unique funding opportunities available to women-owned businesses. The NDWBC team also provides free and confidential business coaching, helping entrepreneurs strengthen cash flow management, increase profitability, and achieve their business goals.

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- [USDA ezFedGrants Training: Grant Recipients](#)

This USDA-hosted playlist walks you through the full process of identifying, applying for, receiving, and reporting on federal funding opportunities.

- [FARRMS Webinar - Financing Your Farm 2023](#)

This Farm Beginnings 2023 presentation explains the differences between loans and grants and offers tips for preparing successful applications. It also includes examples of businesses that have secured funding.

- [ND Dept. of Ag Mediation Service](#)

A program of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, the North Dakota Mediation Service (formerly the North Dakota Agricultural Mediation Service) was established in 1984 to assist financially distressed farmers and ranchers. The service provides support with credit and financial matters and helps resolve disputes.