



Rural Business & Cooperative Loan Programs Value-Added Producer Grant Program (VAPG)

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to help producer-owned businesses ventures add value to their products.

Program Type:

USDA makes grants to eligible producers for value-added activities such as planning and working capital.

Eligible Applicants: Who can apply?

Producers of agricultural commodities, agricultural producer groups farmer and rancher cooperatives, and majority-owned producer-based business ventures.

Eligible Areas: What is rural?

No limitations

Authorized Purposes: What can funds be used for?

Value added products is defined as

- change the physical state of product,
- be produced in a manner that enhances its value,
- physical segregation of agricultural commodity, or
- agricultural commodity that is used to produce renewable energy on farm or ranch.

Typical Amount of Assistance:

Maximum grant amount of \$500,000. 100% match required.

Rates & Terms (rates subject to change):

Grant

Key to Success:

Priority given to requests under \$500,000 and to products producing energy from biomass and demonstrating profitable use of innovative technology.

When to Apply:

Once year with annual competition at national level.

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