

Agriculture Development



TO PROMOTE AG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
& INCREASE FARM VIABILITY IN NYS
THROUGH EXPANSION,
VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION,
DIVERSIFICATION OR
LONG-TERM REDUCTION OF OPERATING COSTS



Funding



- \$3 Million Available
- Minimum \$30,000 grants
- Maximum \$500,000 grants
- Program will pay up to 50% of total cost
- Admin costs not to exceed 10%



Program Objectives



- Increase farm viability
- Implement activities of an Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan
- Implement part of a business plan
- Leverage private investment
- Create or retain jobs
- Increase ag business activity in region
- Respond to goals and objectives of Regional Council



Eligible Applicants



- Counties & Municipalities
- Local Development Corps
- Regional Development Corps
- Public Benefit Corps
- Industrial Development Agencies
- Farm Credit Institutions
- Not-for-Profit Corps



Project Costs



Eligible Costs

- machinery & equipment
- construction
- acquisition or expansion of buildings
- working capital
- processed agriculture commodities
- root stock
- architectural & engineering costs
- consultants
- administrative costs*

Ineligible Costs

- feasibility studies
- planning studies
- research
- educational programs
- indirect or overhead
- application preparation
- any cost not directly related to the project
- any cost incurred prior to the award



Disbursement of Funds



- Only after the execution of the contract
- Only for work completed after the award
- Disbursed on a reimbursement basis
- Must submit voucher, budget and report
- 10% retained to ensure completion of work
- Final payment provided with voucher, final budget and final report



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