



FY 2021 Upper Shore Micro Ag Grant Program

Overview

Kent County Economic & Tourism Development in partnership with the Upper Shore Regional Council provides grant funding to local agricultural businesses looking to expand, diversify, or improve their marketing efforts or conduct agricultural research initiatives. The purpose of the program is to help support the development, expansion, and coordination of agricultural enterprises and initiatives within Kent County.

Grant requests ranging from \$250 up to maximum of \$5,000 will be considered on a competitive basis.

Priority will be given to projects that:

1. Benefit the entire Ag community,
2. Include two or more businesses working in cooperation,
3. Involve new or emerging markets, or
4. Promote a Buy Local campaign.

Applications are due by 5pm on January 31, 2021. Award recipients will be announced in mid-February. Grants shall be reimbursed only with invoices or receipts as proof of payment required at the time of the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests must be submitted by May 15, 2021.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must operate an agricultural business in Kent County, MD and be actively engaged in farming in the county in one or more of the following categories:

- Crop and/or livestock production;
- Agricultural product processing;
- Aquaculture
- Ag Cooperative; or
- Timber production or processing.

Eligible Projects

Grant funding can be used for the following purposes:

- Strategic marketing campaigns;
- Technology innovation or implementation;
- Capital improvements for business expansion or value-added production;
- Research projects; or
- Animal welfare improvements.

Required Documentation

- Fully completed & signed application;
- Proof of good standing with licensing body (if required);
- Completed & signed W9 (fillable PDF can be found at www.kentcounty.com/aggrant);

Application Submittal Date & Deadline

The grant is currently **OPEN** and accepting applications. The **DEADLINE** to apply is **5pm on Sunday, January 31, 2021**.

Application Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a grant review committee in early February. Applicants will be sent a confirmation email that their application has been received and will be contacted via email should their application be awarded.

Reimbursement Request

Grantees must complete a reimbursement request showing proof of expenses by **May 15, 2021**. Expenses on the project that occurred dating back to October 2020, can be retroactively reimbursed. Reimbursement Request forms can be found on our website. www.kentcounty.com/aggrant

Grant Reporting

Grantees must complete a final grant report due to Kent County Economic & Tourism Development by **June 15, 2021**. Reporting documentation is available on our website. www.kentcounty.com/aggrant

Email questions to econdev@kentgov.org or call 410-810-2168.