Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Program

Paul Hugunin, Agricultural Marketing and Development Division
Ashley Bress, Agricultural Marketing and Development Division
AGRI Programs

Livestock Investment Grants
Value-Added Grants
Farm to School Grants
Crop Research Grants
Minnesota Pavilions
Tradeshow and Demo Support

Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grants
Bioincentive Payments
Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Cost-Share
Farm Business Management Scholarships
County Fair Grants
2018-2019 Biennium New/Special Programs

Large Value-Added Grants (FY 2018 and FY 2019, $2 million)

Urban Agriculture Grants (FY 2018 and 2019, $250,000)

Good Food Access Program (GFAP) Grants (FY 2018 and 2019, $250,000)

Minnesota Biofuel Infrastructure Partnership Grants (FY 2018, $1.2 million, and FY 2019, $169,000)

Biofuel Blending Infrastructure Grant (FY 2019, $380,000)

Bioenergy/Biochemical Pilot Project Grant (FY 2019, $150,000)

Dairy Farm Improvement Grants (FY 2019, $750,000)
Prescribed Spending

Year

Earmarks

Total Appropriation  Non-Earmarked

$- $2,000,000 $4,000,000 $6,000,000 $8,000,000 $10,000,000 $12,000,000 $14,000,000 $16,000,000
Appropriation: $14.35 million/year

Earmarks:
- $5 million: DAIRI in year 1, Soybean in year 2
- $2.5 million: Bioincentive Payments
- $1 million: County Fair Grants
- $400k: Farm to School Grants
- $300k: Urban Agriculture Grants
- $300k: Good Food Access Grants
- $75k: Minnesota Turf Seed Council
- $75k: Greater Mankato Growth (year 1 only)
$14.35 million
-- $9.65 million in earmarks
$4.7 million available for everything else

Livestock Investment Grants
Crop Research Grants
FBM Scholarships
GAP Cost-Share
Administrative Costs

Value-Added Grants
Sustainable Ag Demo Grants
New Market Development
Biofuels Infrastructure Grants
Awarded: Crop Research, Sustainable Ag Demo, Farm to School, Urban Agriculture, Bioincentive Payments, FBM Scholarships, County Fairs, and DAIRI

Under Review: GFAP Equipment/Physical Improvement and Technical Assistance, Value-Added, and Livestock Investment

Accepting Applications: Milk Coolers, Tradeshow and Demo Support, and GAP Cost-Share
App Review, Evaluation & Monitoring

- External evaluations
- Office of Grants Management guidelines
- Site visits for projects over $25,000
- Reimbursement basis for most projects
Value-Added Grant Overview

Helps businesses, including meat processors, purchase equipment in order to create, upgrade, and modernize, and thereby increasing usage of Minnesota grown/raised products

• Annual Allocation: >$2 million ($1 million in 2020 and 2021)

• Award Range: $1,000 - $150,000 or $199,999

• Match Requirement: 75%

• 2020 Request: $3.2 million
Value-Added Grant Recipient

TFC Poultry, Darrin Froemming
Ashby, Minnesota
New Market Programs

Helps small- to medium-sized food businesses and value-added agriculture producers explore new markets and expand their market reach through Tradeshow and Demo Cost-Share and Minnesota Pavilions

• Annual Allocation: $400,000 ($310,000-$340,000 in 2020 and 2021)

• Maximum Tradeshow Support Annual Award: $4,000
Value-Added Grant Recipient, Tradeshow and Demo Support Program Participant

CannonBelles Cheese, Deeann Lufkin
Cannon Falls, Minnesota
Livestock Investment Grant

Assists livestock operations initiate and expand livestock production and processing; created through Minn. Stat. 17.118

• Annual Allocation: >$2 million ($768k in 2020)

• Award Range: $1,000 - $25,000

• Match Requirement: 90%

• 2020 Request: $2.5 million
Livestock Investment Grant Recipient

Andrew Miron

Hugo, Minnesota
Thank you!

Paul Hugunin
paul.hugunin@state.mn.us
651-201-6510

Ashley Bress
ashley.bress@state.mn.us
651-201-6648