State of Wisconsin
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2022 Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grants
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Who is eligible to apply?**

   The Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grants are available to new or existing processors to facilitate improvements, enhancements or expansions that will increase harvest capacity and/or product throughput. Eligible processors are those that add value to animals and products in the meat and poultry supply chain, including butchers, dead animal collectors, grease processors, slaughter facilities, and renderers. To be eligible, existing operations must be licensed by either the State of Wisconsin or the federal government and new facilities must show capacity to seek licensure from either the State of Wisconsin or the federal government. Funded projects must be located within the State of Wisconsin.

2. **When can I apply?**

   The application period for the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant opens on Monday, May 23, 2022. Applications are due at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022.

3. **How do I apply?**

   Interested applicants can apply by following this link. Instructions are available with the application.

4. **Are matching funds required?**

   Yes, a 100% match will be required for all funds provided under the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant. For each dollar granted under the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant, a matching dollar must be provided.

5. **What expenses are eligible?**

   Eligible project expenses include, but are not limited to, operating expenses directly related to the grant project including engineering, architectural design, food safety advisory services, construction services, equipment, and equipment installation.

6. **Are there any expenses that are not eligible?**

   Real estate purchases, repayment of loans or mortgages, rent or contact payments for time periods extending beyond the term of the grant contract, administrative or overhead costs that are not direct costs of the grant project, advertising expenses, legal fees, lobbying, fundraising, political activities, and any costs incurred by any firm for work performed in the preparation and production of a proposal or for any work performed prior to the formal execution of a contract.

7. **When and how will I receive a grant?**

   The Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant is a reimbursable grant program, and it is anticipated that projects will begin as soon as October of 2022. Successful applicants can submit reimbursements throughout the duration of the project. All projects must be completed by December 31, 2024.

8. **How will I know if my application is approved or denied?**

Notifications will be provided by email to all applicants. The application period closes on Friday, August 19, 2022 at 5 p.m. DATCP anticipates notices going out near the end of September.

9. **When will my project need to be completed?**

All projects under the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant must conclude by no later than December 31, 2024.

10. **Is this program only available to meat processors in Wisconsin?**

Yes, to successfully apply for the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grants, you must be located in Wisconsin, operate or plan to operate a DATCP or USDA licensed meat processing establishment, and be engaged in livestock harvest or further processing.

11. **I am a startup meat processor. Can I still apply?**

Yes, the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grants are available to new or existing processors to facilitate changes and expansion to grow harvest capacity and/or increase product throughput.

12. **I operate a USDA licensed facility. Can I still apply?**

Yes, to apply for the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant, you can be a DATCP or USDA licensed meat processing establishment located in Wisconsin.

13. **What incentives does DATCP offer to support the Meat and Livestock Industry in Wisconsin?**

DATCP currently has three separate programs providing support for the Meat and Livestock Industry in Wisconsin:

Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant
First approved in 2021, the DATCP Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant offers $200,000 to support processing improvements. The legislature has capped each award at $50,000 per grantee, and the first grant recipients were announced in May, 2022. DATCP will open a second round of funding for $200,000 (with individual awards capped at $50,000) following the close of the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant. This grant was approved in the state budget for 2021-2023 only.

Meat Talent Development Program
Announced by Governor Evers in 2022, the Meat Talent Development Program offers up to $5,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to develop programming to attract students to meat careers, provide financial support to students in Wisconsin meat processing training programs, and connect the meat processing industry with potential employees. Like the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant, this is one-time funding. DATCP is working cooperatively with stakeholders to implement this program, and you can sign up for updates here.

Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant
Offered by Governor Evers in 2022, the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant is a one-time opportunity funded by federal funds available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). This grant provides $10 million to support processing improvements to help address some of the supply chain disruptions seen during the COVID outbreak in 2020-2021. Each individual award is capped at $150,000. If demand for these dollars from eligible applicants is not sufficient to expend the funds fully, DATCP may provide a second round of funding.

14. **I've already started working on a project to improve, enhance or expand my meat processing facility to increase product throughput. Can I apply for reimbursement?**

Only project expenses incurred following the successful award of the grant are eligible for reimbursement under the program.

15. **Can I still apply for the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant if I previously applied for the DATCP Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant?**

If you previously applied for DATCP's Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant, you can still apply for the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant. If you were previously awarded money from the DATCP Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant, you can apply for additional funding for a different project under the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant. All awards will be capped at a total of $150,000 combined between the two grant programs.

16. **Can I simply amend my application for the DATCP Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant?**

All applicants are required to submit a new application for the DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant. You are welcome to utilize existing information for a project previously submitted under the DATCP Meat Processor Infrastructure Grant if work on that project has not yet started.

17. **How will you determine who gets funding for the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant?**

The DATCP Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant is a competitive grant program. Preference may be given for proposals that demonstrate an industry-wide benefit and increase animal harvest benefitting multiple Wisconsin producers. For more information on the evaluation criteria, please follow this link to the [Request for Proposals.](#)

18. **Will the amount of my grant be released to the public?**

In the event of a public records request, DATCP will be legally required to provide information including your business and the amount of any payments you receive through the Meat and Poultry Supply Chain Resiliency Grant.

19. **Who can I contact with any other questions?**

If you have further questions, contact DATCP Grants Specialist Ryan Dunn at ryand.dunn@wisconsin.gov or (608) 590-7239.