

Very Small Meat and Poultry Processor Reimbursement Grant Program FAQ

What is the Very Small Meat & Poultry Grant?

The Program's objective is to support the development and expansion of current or future very small meat and poultry processing operations in the Commonwealth by offering reimbursement grants. To read the full grant details, please [click here](#).

What can the grant be used for?

1. Reimbursements to cover the cost of with obtaining a grant of inspection from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)
2. Opening or expanding a processing operation
3. Consulting or technical support fees and services to help your business operate under a grant of inspection
4. Professional development or employee training to help maintain a grant of inspection
5. Purchase of up to 85% of the meat/poultry slaughter or processing equipment or supplies
6. Purchase of equipment/supplies for employee safety

What are the funding limitations? \$100k per applicant

What are the requirements to be eligible?

Your very small meat and processing operation will either need to be currently operating under a grant of inspection or applicant will use funds from grant (under penalty of the law) to obtain a grant of inspection.

When is the cutoff date to apply? May 8, 2026 at 5 PM.

How do I apply?

An application will need to be submitted through the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. Please [click here](#).

**If you need application technical assistance, please contact the DCED Customer Service Center Monday-Friday 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. at 800-379-7448 or follow: [Pennsylvania Keystone Login Portal \(pa.gov\)](#)*

What types of meat processors are covered?

Meat: Beef, Veal, Pork, Lamb, Mutton, and Goat; for

Poultry: Chicken, Turkey, Duck, Goose, Guinea, and Squab, including for Ratites: Emu, Ostrich, and Rhea;

Eggs: Chicken, Turkey, Duck, Goose and Guinea; for

Fish: Catfish