



Brighter Future Fund

by American Farmland Trust

2026 NEW ENGLAND REGENERATIVE LIVESTOCK FARMING GRANT

\$10,000 GRANTS AVAILABLE

FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO SUPPORT FIELD-BASED CONSERVATION PRACTICE PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH, WATER QUALITY, AND POLLINATOR HABITAT. APPLICANTS CAN REQUEST UP TO \$10,000 UNDER THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.

APPLY SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 24, 2025

ELIGIBILITY

- **See map** on next page for **eligible counties**
- Applicants must have been raising livestock for a minimum of one year
- A project may involve one or more of the following: an individual farmer, a farm family, a group of farmers with a cooperative business, or a non-profit entity
- Letter of support required
- Prior awardees may apply

ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

- Cover crop seed
- Pollinator habitat establishment
- Pasture establishment/reseeding
- Reduced tillage equipment
- Fencing to support rotational grazing
- Livestock watering systems
- Soil amendments and application

NOT SURE IF YOUR PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE?

Contact our staff for assistance:
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TIMELINE

September 15, 2025: Applications OPEN
October 24, 2025: DEADLINE to submit applications (by 5:00pm)

- January 2026: Awards announced
- Awardees have **until June of 2026** to implement funded projects.
- **80% of awarded amount paid in early 2026**; remaining payment made in Summer 2026

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

- Expenses incurred prior to award
- Purchase of livestock animals
- Barns or sheds
- Cold storage or farm stands
- Processing equipment, washrooms/packhouses
- Website development or marketing materials
- Classes/Trainings
- Aquaculture, forestry or equine operations
- Operations producing only for personal/household or family consumption



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INFORMATION AND THE LINK TO APPLY**
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2026 NEW ENGLAND REGENERATIVE LIVESTOCK FARMING GRANT PROJECT AREAS

APPLY BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 24, 2025, NO LATER THAN 5:00PM
AWARDS ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY 2026

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Coos
- Grafton
- Sullivan
- Cheshire

VERMONT

- Essex
- Caledonia
- Orange
- Windsor
- Windham
- Bennington

CONNECTICUT

- Litchfield
- Fairfield
- Hartford
- New Haven
- Tolland
- Middlesex
- New London
- Windham

MASSACHUSETTS

- Berkshire
- Franklin
- Hampshire
- Hampden
- Worcester

