

THE NEW ENGLAND FARMER MICROGRANTS PROGRAM 2023 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



WESTERN NEW ENGLAND REGENERATIVE LIVESTOCK FARMING GRANTS

REQUESTS UP TO \$10,000

This funding opportunity provides grants to livestock producers in select counties in CT, MA, NH, and VT for projects that improve soil health through the adoption of regenerative agricultural practices.

PRIORITY: LIVESTOCK FARMERS SEEKING TO IMPLEMENT SELECT PRACTICES FOR IMPROVED SOIL HEALTH

Examples: Cover crops, pasture seeding, pollinator habitat creation, rotational grazing, reducing tillage, compost, soil amendments

ELIGIBILITY

- For this program, we define “farmer” as an individual, group, or organization who are intentionally raising animals for harvest.
- 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.
- This program recognizes the following as “livestock”: beef or dairy cattle, bison, hogs, poultry, bees, goats, sheep, waterfowl.

NEFMP WILL PRIORITIZE THE FOLLOWING IN 2023:

Farmers representing:

- A diverse range of livestock operations (e.g. urban, rural, small/medium/large, etc.)
- A diverse range of backgrounds, races, and gender identities

ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Coos County
- Grafton County
- Sullivan County
- Cheshire County

VERMONT

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

CONNECTICUT

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

MASSACHUSETTS

- Hampshire County
- Hampden County
- Berkshire County
- Franklin County
- Worcester County

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APPLICATION PROCESS AT
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APPLICATION PROCESS

ROUND 1: OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

OCTOBER 17TH- NOVEMBER 4TH, 2022

ROUND 2: INVITED APPLICANTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022- JANUARY 2023
(DEADLINE TBD)

AWARDS ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 2023



WONDERING WHAT WE'LL FUND? HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES



- Seed
- Irrigation infrastructure
- Livestock watering systems
- Pasture establishment/re-seeding
- Mobile livestock shelters
- Fencing
- Reduced tillage equipment
- Composting equipment
- Soil amendments and application



HERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN'T FUND

- Cold storage facilities
- Processing equipment
- Barns
- Washrooms/packhouses
- Storage sheds
- Farm stands
- Website development
- Farm staff time
- Classes/trainings
- Expenses incurred prior to award
- Proposals from aquaculture, forestry, or equine operations
- Proposals for funding to support growing or raising products primarily for home, personal or family use

NOT SURE IF YOUR PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE?



WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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LAND TENURE

For projects that involve on-the-ground improvements to farmland, control of the land (ownership, a lease, license, or other written agreement) for a reasonable time period will be required. If tenure is less than 5 years, please be prepared to demonstrate in the application how the tenure is sufficient in relationship to the improvements being made.

GRANTS ARE REIMBURSEMENT-BASED

Our program issues payment to awardees as a reimbursement. If awarded, grantees will only receive payment after submitting proof of purchase/payment for services. AFT can also pay vendors directly for approved items/services on behalf of the grantee upon receipt of invoice from the vendor. Grantees have one year to implement their projects from the date of award.