

**FARMLAND ACCESS,
SUCCESSION &
TRANSFER SUPPORT**



**\$5,000 GRANTS
AVAILABLE**

**FUNDING FOR FARMERS IN
MAINE, EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS, OR RHODE ISLAND
SEEKING TO ACCESS, TRANSFER, OR PASS ON FARMLAND**

APPLY BY NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Awards announced January 2024

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be located in Maine, Eastern Mass (see pg. 2), or Rhode Island
- 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
- We define “farmland access” as the pursuit of finding or getting onto farmland to begin or continue a farming operation. We define “farm succession or transfer” as the steps involved in transferring a farm business and/or farmland from one entity to another.
- Letter of support required
- Prior awardees may apply
- Applications prioritizing community-driven food security efforts strongly encouraged

TIMELINE

- October 1, 2023: Applications OPEN
- November 21, 2023: DEADLINE to submit applications (by 5:00pm)
- January 2024: Awards announced
- Awardees have one year from the date of award to complete their projects. Awards are issued as reimbursements upon proof of project completion.

NOT SURE IF YOUR PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE?

Contact Kristen Irvin, Program Coordinator:
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EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

- Hiring an attorney to develop a farm lease, provide legal representation for a farm transfer or purchase, develop an estate plan to support a farm transfer
- Hiring a business, financial, or estate planning consultant to assist with a farm transfer plan, business plan, or finance/loan plan
- Paying transaction costs associated with securing land to farm, such as costs associated with purchasing a farm, negotiating a lease agreement, or developing an agricultural conservation easement (survey, appraisal, etc.)
- Hiring a service provider to support business planning and other services necessary for farmland access or expansion, such as land search planning, property assessment, facilitation and coaching, crafting agreements, land use planning, mediation

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

- Website development
- Farm staff labor/time
- Classes/trainings/conferences or workshops
- 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

Visit our website for more information and the link to apply:

[Farmland.org/New-England-Farmer-Microgrants-Program](https://farmland.org/New-England-Farmer-Microgrants-Program)

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ELIGIBLE COUNTIES:

MAINE – All counties

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS –

- Essex
- Suffolk
- Middlesex
- Norfolk
- Bristol
- Plymouth
- Barnstable
- Dukes
- Nantucket

RHODE ISLAND – All counties