



## Ohio Meat Processing Grant

### Overview

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This program provides grants of up to \$250,000 to Ohio livestock and poultry producers so they can implement processing efficiencies, expand or construct facilities at existing sites, assist in training and certification, and improve harvest services.

### Eligible Businesses

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The business must own or operate a meat processing facility located in Ohio that was in operation as of July 1, 2021. The facility must provide processing services for livestock and/or poultry producers, and it must be a for-profit entity, such as a corporation, LLC, partnership, joint venture, or sole proprietor. The business also must be in good standing with the Ohio Secretary of State, the Ohio Department of Taxation, and any other governmental entity charged with regulating the business.

### Eligible Uses of Funds

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Grants can be used to reimburse businesses for the following costs incurred after the date the application was submitted at the project location identified in the application as long as the costs do not violate state or federal law and are not otherwise specified as ineligible costs:

- New/upgraded machinery/equipment.
- New/upgraded technology products.
- Personnel training costs.
- Plant construction/expansion – confinement.
- Plant construction/expansion – processing.
- Plant construction/expansion – refrigeration.
- Food safety certification costs.
- Cooperative interstate shipment program costs.

## Ineligible Costs

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Grants may not be used for the following expenses:

- Improvements to personal residences, nonfarm commercial property, and any other nonfarm structures.
- Agricultural tractors, motorized vehicles, and other mobile equipment with an internal combustion engine.
- Land purchases.

## Application Process

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Beginning December 7, 2021, businesses can submit an application at [Development.Ohio.Gov/MeatProcessing](https://development.ohio.gov/MeatProcessing). Applications will be reviewed and scored on a first-come, first-served basis. All applications scoring at least 75 out of 100 possible points will be awarded in the order they were received until funding has been exhausted. Any available unused or returned funds will be awarded to the next eligible applicant.

The following items will be considered by Development in scoring applications:

1. Whether the grant funds will (50 points):
  - a. Improve the applicant's processing efficiencies for livestock and poultry;
  - b. Be used for the expansion or new construction of facilities for the processing of livestock and poultry; or
  - c. Be used for food safety certification or to assist in obtaining cooperative interstate shipment status.
2. Whether the grant will improve harvest services for livestock and poultry producers (20 points).
3. Project readiness, including availability of funds and proposed project timeline (30 points).

Applicants will be notified of the scoring results if funds remain available. If an application is approved for an award, the applicant will be required to enter into a grant agreement with Development. The agreement must be executed within 60 days of receipt of an award notification or the grant may be revoked and the funds reallocated.

If an applicant is required to resubmit an application, it will be reviewed in the order in which it was received and will not take the place of the originally filed application.

## Awarding Funds

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After an application is approved, businesses will be required to provide an Ohio Supplier ID assigned by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management. If the business does not currently have an Ohio Supplier ID, the business will be required to register at [supplier.ohio.gov](https://supplier.ohio.gov). A Supplier ID is required so that grant funds can be distributed electronically.

After the grant agreement with Development is completed and the business successfully registers as a Supplier with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, applicants will receive an initial disbursement equal to 50% of grant funds awarded. The remaining 50% of grant funds awarded will be disbursed after Development receives documentation that the initial disbursement was spent on eligible costs.

For detailed information on the program and for application instructions,

[Development.Ohio.Gov/MeatProcessing](https://development.ohio.gov/MeatProcessing).

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