

Resources for Local Farmers & Food Makers

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If you have any suggested additions or edits, please email us at info@millcityfarmersmarket.org

GRANTS	Eligibility	Amount	Application Due Date	Link
Next Stage Grant Mill City Farmers Market Charitable Fund	Farmers and food makers in Minnesota or within 200 miles of Minneapolis. Must vend at a regional farmers market to be eligible.	\$1,000 - 7,000	March 1	https://millcityfarmersmarket.org/grants/
Lakewinds Organic Field Fund	Farmers	Up to \$8,000	Late January	https://www.lakewinds.coop/community/loff/
Beginning with Compeer Grant Compeer Financial	Farmers, Compeer clients and non-clients	\$250 - 1,500	Ongoing	https://www.compeer.com/investing-in-rural-communities/giving-back/grants/beginning-with-compeer
Farmers Market Vendor Grant Compeer Financial	Farmers, Compeer clients only	\$500	Nov 15	https://www.compeer.com/investing-in-rural-communities/giving-back/grants/farmers-market-grant-program-vendor
Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Farmers and value-added farm products	Varies	Varies	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/agri
Specialty Crops Block Grant Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Farmers	\$20K - 150K	March	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/business-dev-loans-grants/specialty-crop-block-grant
Organic Certification and Transition Cost Share Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Organic and transitioning farmers and handlers	Varies	Nov 1	Organic: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/organic-certification-cost-share-program Transitioning: https://www.mda.state.mn.us/minnesota-transition-organic-cost-share-program
Organic Cost Share Reimbursements Wisconsin Department of Agriculture	Organic farmers	Varies	Dec 1	https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/OrganicFarmingAndFood.aspx
All other grants and loans Minnesota Department of Agriculture	Varies	Varies	Varies	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/funding
Farmer Rancher Grant North Central Region SARE	Farmers and ranchers	Up to \$9,000 for individuals	Dec 2	https://northcentral.sare.org/Grants/Apply-for-a-Grant/Farmer-Rancher-Grant/
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) USDA	Farmers	Varies	Ongoing	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1342638
BIPOC Farmer Micro-Grants Rodale Institute	Black, Indigenous, farmers of color	\$500 - 2,000	March 31	https://rodaleinstitute.org/education/bipoc-farmer-micro-grants/
Market Entry Fund from Seasoned Specialty Food Market	Food makers ; entrepreneurs of color, women, veterans and/or individuals demonstrating socio-economic barriers to equitable participation in business – especially the packaged food industry.	\$500 - 5,000	Nov 2	https://marketentryfund.org/micro-grants
American Farmland Trust Brighter Future Fund	Farmers who identify as BIPOC, women, and/or LGBTQIA+	\$5,000		https://farmland.org/brighter-future/
FARMER HARDSHIP RELIEF				
MCFM Farmer Hardship	Farmers	\$2,000	Ongoing	https://millcityfarmersmarket.org/grants/#hardship-grant
MDA Disaster Recovery Loan	Farmers	Varies	Ongoing	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/disasterloan
MDA Farm and Rural Helpline	Farmers	n/a	Ongoing	https://www.mda.state.mn.us/about/mnfarmerstress/copingstress
LOANS				
MDA Agricultural Microloan	Eligible farmer must be a member of a "protected group" as defined under Minn. Stat. § 43A.02, subdiv. 33 (non-white, woman, disabled) or qualified non-citizen as defined under Minn. Stat. § 256B.06, subdiv. 4, par. (b) (refugee, immigrant, asylum, etc.)			https://www.mda.state.mn.us/pilot-agricultural-microloan-program
MDA Low Interest Loans	Farmers			https://www.mda.state.mn.us/financebudget/agfinance
Compeer	Farmers			https://www.compeer.com/
Women Venture	Makers			https://www.womenventure.org/
City of Mpls Homegrown Small Business Fund*	Farmers and makers in the City of Minneapolis			http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/homegrown/WCMS1P-129854
FSA Loans	Farmers			https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & BUSINESS COACHING				
Community Economic Development Associates (CEDA)	https://www.cedausa.com/agricultural-resources/			
Latino Economic Development Center	https://www.ledcmn.org/			
Maker to Market	https://makertomarketmn.com/			
Food Makers Academy	https://www.foodmakersacademy.com/			
Northside Economic Opportunity Network	https://www.neon-mn.org/			