Lane County Livestock Association

Beginning Farmer/Rancher AG Grant

Application Form

Lane County Livestock Association Beginning Farmer/Rancher Ag Grant APPLICATION SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS;

 Submit COMPLETE AND ACCURATE application with all required supporting documentation via email to Lane County Livestock Association and include your name, the legal business name (if applicable) in the email subject line. If you are attaching multiple pages, each one must be named in an easily identifiable manner, for example, Application, Pictures, etc. It is imperative that all applicants ensure the accuracy of their name, legal business name (if applicable) and address when completing and signing their application. Authorization forms. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2021. ELECTRONIC, TYPED SUBMISSIONS (with the exception of required legal signatures) are preferred. All forms have been made fillable for convenience. Also, pictures (taken with a cell phone) of application pages or other documents will NOT be accepted. Again, please label your email subject line with the legal name of the business to ensure expediency. QUESTIONS? Email Lane County Livestock Association

 **BUSINESS PROFILE**

**Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Business Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Year Business Established: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Tax ID. No. /EIN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Street Address of Business: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**City, State. Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Business Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Business Structure (check one): • Sole Proprietorship\_\_\_\_\_\_ • S-Corp\_\_\_\_\_ • Partnership\_\_\_\_\_ • C-Corporation\_\_\_\_\_ • LLC\_\_\_\_\_•**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**If you answer NO to either of the following questions, then your business does not qualify for this grant:**

● is the business operated in Lane County Oregon? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No

● does your business fall into one of the following categories? Crop and/or livestock production, Agricultural product processing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS**

 **Funds Requested: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please describe in detail the project for which the funds will be used:**

**Specify below the expenses for which the grant funds will be utilized, please itemize costs (documentation such as receipts and invoices will be required for reimbursement).**

**Specify below cash or in-kind contributions that will be used toward the total project cost.**

**By signing this application, I certify the following:**

1. The information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

2. I agree to maintain documentation following generally accepted accounting principles for how the funds are expended, including but not limited to financial records, invoices, or receipts.

3. I understand and agree that records of how grant funds are used must be produced promptly upon receiving a request from the Lane County Livestock Association.

4. I agree to provide a signed and fully completed W9 form if I am awarded the grant.

5. I understand and agree that if I receive an Lane County Livestock Association Beginning Farmer/Rancher grant and it is determined that I have used the funds for a purpose that is not authorized by Lane County Livestock Association, I will return those funds.

6. I certify that I have the authority to legally bind the business. If all of the above outlined requirements are not met in full or if any information provided on this application is found to be false or incorrect, the business will be deemed immediately in default and funds must be returned to the Lane County Livestock Association within 30 days of written notification of default. I also agree that, if I accept a Lane County Livestock Association Beginning Farmer/Rancher grant, I will be bound by the obligations and liabilities described in this application and that Lane County Livestock Association shall have the right to enforce those obligations and liabilities in any manner provided by law.

**Authorized Signature & Acknowledgement By signing below, the applicant represents, warrants and certifies that the information provided herein is true, correct, and complete. Applicant also understands that this application, combined with award of a Lane County Livestock Association Beginning Farmer/Rancher grant, constitutes a binding contract (grant agreement) and shall be deemed a valid original instrument if delivered electronically (e.g., facsimile, PDF, ink or digital stamp, etc.).**

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**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**2021 Lane County Livestock Association Beginning Farmer/Rancher Grant Program**

**Overview**

The Lane County Livestock Association is providing grant funding to beginning farmers and ranchers in Lane County, OR looking to expand, diversify, or improve their agricultural enterprise. The purpose of the grant program is to help support young people in the development, expansion, and coordination of agricultural enterprises in Lane County, OR.

Grant requests ranging from $250 up to maximum of $5000 will be considered on a competitive basis.

Priority will be given to projects that:

 1. Promote youth in agriculture

2. Expand the viability of the agricultural business,

3. Involve innovated, new or emerging markets,

4. Benefit the Ag community,

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2021. Award recipients will be announced in August 29, 2021. Grants shall be reimbursed only with invoices or receipts as proof of payment required at the time of the reimbursement request. Reimbursement requests must be submitted by February 28, 2022.

**Eligible Applicants**

 Applicants must operate an agricultural business in Lane County, OR and be actively engaged in farming or ranching in the county in one or more of the following categories:

● Crop and/or livestock production;

● Agricultural product processing;

● Custom agricultural work

 ● Other agricultural areas not outlined

 **Eligible Projects**

Grant funding can be used for the following purposes:

● Purchase of livestock;

● Purchase of breeding stock or AI services;

● Purchase of livestock or crop equipment;

● Improvement to Infrastructure such as, but not limited to buildings, fences, corrals, etc.

● Purchase of feed, minerals, vaccinations, or other items to improve animal health and productivity.

* + Purchase of seed, seedlings, fertilizer, chemicals used in crop production
	+ Other agriculture related items not listed

Note: All Projects must meet all local, state, and federal rules and laws

**Required Documentation**

● fully completed & signed application;

● Two written references

● Completed & signed W9 which will be provided to the grant recipients prior to award

● Before and after pictures of the project

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**Application Submittal Date & Deadline**

 The grant is currently OPEN and accepting applications. The DEADLINE to apply is 5:00 p.m., August 1, 2021.

**Application Review Process**

 Applications will be reviewed by a grant review committee after the closing date. Applicants will be sent a confirmation email that their application has been received and will be contacted via email should their application be awarded.

**Reimbursement Request**

Grantees must complete a reimbursement request showing proof of expenses by February 28, 2022. Reimbursement Request forms will be provide upon award of the grant.

Grant Reporting

Grantees must complete a final grant report due to the Lane County Livestock Association by February 28, 2022. Reporting documentation will be provided upon award of grant. Email questions to Lane County Livestock Association