

2023 Lane County Livestock Association

Beginning Farmer/Rancher AG 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 a 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, 2023. Award recipients will be announced on August 27 2023 at the fall picnic. 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, 2024.

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 references
- Completed & signed W9 which will be provided to the grant recipients prior to award
- Before and after pictures of the project

Application Submittal Date & Deadline

The grant is currently OPEN and accepting applications. The DEADLINE to apply is 5:00 p.m., August 1, 2023.

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, 2024. Reimbursement Request forms will be provided upon award of the grant.

Grant Reporting

Grantees must complete a final grant report due to the Lane County Livestock Association by February 28, 2023. Reporting documentation will be provided upon award of grant. Email questions to Lane County Livestock Association, info@lcla.org