

Are you a Kansas Farmer or Rancher who has been hit hard by the pandemic?

There are a number of programs you can apply for to support your business:

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

WHAT IS IT?

- The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides incentives to small businesses to maintain workers on their payroll. PPP loans are allowable for any entity with 500 employees or less.

WHAT CAN IT BE USED FOR?

- The PPP allowable expenses include “utilities and certain expenses for operations,” with the qualification that to qualify for the loan forgiveness program, over 60% must be expended toward payroll costs. Past recipients may be eligible for another round of funding

WHERE CAN I APPLY?

- Learn more and apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/SBAPaycheck>

USDA Distance Learning and Telehealth (DLT) Grants

WHAT IS IT?

- The US Department of Agriculture recently allotted \$42.30M in funding for Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants for rural areas with population of 20,000 or less. The goal of the program is to help rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

WHAT CAN IT BE USED FOR?

- The program supports eligible rural communities with the costs associated with capital assets, instructional programming, and technical assistance. The range of grants will be between \$50,000 - \$1,000,000.

WHERE CAN I APPLY?

- Learn more and apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/USDADLT>

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

- The Small Business Assistance COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) exist to “meet financial obligations and operating expenses that could have been met had the disaster not occurred,” according to the Small Business Administration (SBA).

- Important note: EIDL loans must be repaid.

- EIDL’s use of proceeds are allowable for working capital and normal expenses. According to SBA, this criterion includes rent and utilities.

- Learn more and apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/EIDLsBA>

Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)

- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on March 24 the U.S. Department of Agriculture will begin providing additional financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, and producers impacted by COVID-19 market disruptions. Resources for these payments were approved by Congress in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

- Financial support for Field crops (Corn, soybeans, spring wheat, drum wheat, sorghum, oats, malting barley, canola, upland cotton, millet, and sunflowers), livestock (Cattle, hogs, sheep, wool, and dairy), specialty crops (numerous fruits, vegetables, nuts, and other specialty crops).

- Learn more and apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/AgCFAP>

Coming soon: Additional American Rescue Plan support

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) includes a number of programs related to agricultural and livestock support:



\$4.00B

Food Supply and Agriculture Pandemic Response

For purchasing and distributing agriculture commodities to individuals in need (through nonprofits, restaurants, food related entities, etc.) and making grants and loans for small-mid sized food processors, distributors, or producers.



\$0.50B

Emergency rural development grants for rural health care

For vaccination distribution, medical supplies, lost revenue, telehealth costs, and Wcapital projects.



\$1.01B

USDA assistance and support for socially disadvantaged farmers

For outreach, training, support, technical assistance for issues on food and ag, and farmers to support land access, equity commissions, research, and education



\$TBD

Farm loan assistance for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers

For cost of loan modifications and payments of up to 120% of outstanding indebtedness of each socially disadvantaged farmer as of Jan 1, 2021 on direct loan made or guaranteed by Secretary.