



**American Rescue Plan  
Pandemic Response and  
Safety Grant Program**

**Kansas Office of Recovery**

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# Today's objectives



Introduce the Pandemic Response and Safety (PRS) Grant Program

Review eligibility and allowable uses for the PRS Grant Program

Review the application process and next steps

# The PRS Grant Program provides funding for agricultural producers and distributors

*To recover costs incurred by responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including measures to protect workers<sup>1</sup>*



Small specialty crop producers



Food processors



Manufacturers



Distributors



Farmers markets

1. Program is authorized and funded under the [Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 \(Pub. L. No. 116—260\)](#).

# Who is eligible for the PRS Grant Program?



## Small businesses

- USDA is targeting support to small businesses in certain commodity areas and to farmers markets
- Small businesses in certain commodity areas including small scale specialty crop producers and processors
- These businesses were significantly impacted by the pandemic and received insufficient federal funding
- All businesses must meet the SBA small business qualifications for the eligible industry
- All farmers markets are eligible and considered as "small"



## Nonprofits having 501(c)(3) status

- Excludes institutions of higher education
- All entities must be domestic entities owned, operated and located within the United States and/or its territories

See [Appendix A](#) for a full list of eligible industry groups

# Allowable uses: What can I use the funding for?

## Grants will cover activities associated with:



### **Workplace Safety**

Workplace safety measures, including, but not limited to, personal protective equipment, sanitizer, hand washing stations, air filters, etc.



### **Market Pivots**

Market pivots such as transition to virtual/online sales costs, supplies, new signage.



### **Retrofitting Facilities**

Retrofitting facilities for worker and consumer safety (plexiglass, walk up windows, heat lamps, fans, tents, propane, weights, tables, chairs).



### **Transportation**

Additional transportation costs incurred to maintain social distancing.



### **Worker Housing**

Additional worker housing costs incurred to maintain social distancing or to allow for quarantining of new or exposed employees.



### **Medical**

Unreimbursed costs associated with providing or enabling vaccinations, testing, or healthcare of infected employees, including any paid leave.

## Application dates



**Application period opened on  
October 6, 2021**



**Application period closes on  
November 22, 2021 at 11:59pm  
Eastern Time**

All applications submitted before the deadline will be considered for funding. Applications will not be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications should be submitted on [PRS Grant Program webpage](#)



Applicants must submit online a complete application package, which consists of the following forms:

- Applicant Organization Form
- PRS Activity Checklist (Appendix B)



PRS applications are submitted online through the PRS Grant Program website

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All applicants must obtain a DUNS number before applying

## Prepare to apply: Next Steps

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1

Check eligibility [here](#)

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Register for a [DUNS number](#)

3

Apply on [PRG Grant Program webpage](#)





Questions?