



# UTAH FOOD SECURITY PROCESSING GRANT FACT SHEET

Application Window Opens on May 1, 2022

## Eligibility:

\$1,000,000 in grant funding is available to processors located in Utah with fewer than 100 employees who seek to build or expand a facility that meets one of the following criteria:

- State-inspected "equal to" slaughter and/or processing plants,
- Licensed custom-exempt slaughter plants,
- Talmadge-Aiken (TA) or very small federally inspected plants, or
- Fruit or vegetable processor that uses fruits and vegetables that are grown, processed, and sold in Utah.

The applicant understands that reimbursement amounts are based upon the applicable and reasonable project cost(s) provided by the applicant. Eligible processor expenses must make an immediate impact on the state's capacity to process or store Utah-raised protein or Utah-grown products including beef, pork, poultry, lamb, bison, fruit, vegetables, etc. Reimbursements will require actual/copies of receipts, expenses, or invoices.

## Application Process:

Applications are due by Tuesday, May 31, 2022, and must include:

- A list of equipment or improvements with estimated costs.
- Description of equipment or upgrades.
- Description of how this will improve the efficiency of processing activities and/or increase volume.

Awards will be announced by June 24, 2022. Funds will be available starting July 1, 2022.

## Upon Approval of Application:

- Applicants should complete planned improvement, purchase equipment, etc., by June 30, 2023
- Once improvement is complete, applicants may submit for reimbursement July 15, 2023.

*Reimbursement requires:*

- Actual/copies of receipts, expenses, or invoices
- Complete IRS W-9 form
- The Department will reimburse documented expenses up to the amount requested in the approved application.

## Improvements May Include, But Are Not Limited To:

- Coolers/freezers
- Contractor costs (plumbing, draining, venting, electrical work)
- Portion cutters
- Processing equipment (smoking units, sausage stuffers, etc.)
- Slaughter equipment (cradles, saws, hooks, scalders, sinks, etc.)
- Equipment or facilities to hold livestock (fences, gates, chutes, etc.)
- Feasibility study or other improvements related to the opening of a new facility
- Electronic sorting equipment (grading & sizing for apples, cherries, and peaches)
- Bottling equipment for juices

*Expenses not eligible for reimbursement include salaries, fringe, supplies, or parts.*

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