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UDAF Seeking Applicants for Food Security Processing Grant

Taylorsville, UT — The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) is now accepting applications for the Utah Food Security Processing Grant program. During the 2022 General Session, UDAF was appropriated \$1,000,000 by the Utah Legislature to provide grants to small meat, poultry, and fruit and vegetable processors to make immediate impacts to processing capacity to improve local food security.

“We here at UDAF recognize the great importance of having a secure food supply for the people of Utah,” said Craig Buttars, UDAF Commissioner. “In order to ensure food security in our state, it is imperative that we encourage an increase of food processing. This grant is a great first step in supporting the development of additional processing infrastructure.”

UDAF is seeking applicants with fewer than 100 employees who plan to open a new processing facility or expand an existing facility to increase their processing capacity to meet current demand, protect the security of the food supply, and help ensure more Utah-produced food is processed in-state. This program will reimburse processors for a portion of expenses to expand existing facilities or build new facilities. Grant amounts will be dependent on the total amount of eligible applications received and approved. \$1,000,000 of grant funding is currently available for this program. Applications are due May 31, 2022 and grant recipients will be announced by June 24, 2022.

Interested applicants can find more information and the application by visiting ag.utah.gov/foodsecuritygrant/.

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