



# Winter 2023-2024 Grant Guide



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## Description

This microgrant provides **up to \$5k** to help you sell to schools AND other options available. It is ideal for wash and pack stations, processing and sorting equipment, containers for transportation, season extension needs (tunnels, winter storage), as well as training costs in food safety. All of these investments should be tied to a plan to sell more products to school districts and/or early childhood providers.

## Eligibility

Group childcare homes and family childcare homes, or any organization or entity administering or assisting in the development of a farm-to-school program and partnering with a CT public school.

**DUE by December 14, 2023**

Have questions?

Contact [Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov](mailto:Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov)





## Description

The Farm Transition Grant (FTG) offers matching funds to Connecticut farmers and agricultural cooperatives. The grant supports the diversification of current farm operations, transitioning to value-added agricultural production and sales, as well as other outlets where the majority of the products sold originate within the state. **The grant has 4 categories that cater to the different needs of farmers.**

## Eligibility

- Agricultural producers, singularly or jointly, whether such producers are owners or tenants of existing agribusiness within the State of Connecticut
- Agricultural cooperatives

**DUE by January 10, 2024**

Have questions?

Contact [Alison.Grabarz@ct.gov](mailto:Alison.Grabarz@ct.gov)



# Farm Transition Grant: New Farmer Micro Grant

## Description

Microgrants to support new individuals/partnerships who have one full year to three years of production history and are seeking long-term careers that financially support them through farming and agriculture.

**Max award of \$5,000 with a 25% match.**

## Eligibility

- Apply for or possess a Farmers' Tax Exemption Permit through the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services
- Have a 2–5-year business plan drafted
- Complete and submit a crop plan
- Be the operation owner
- Production history of at least one full year up to three years
- Tenants must include a written agreement between all necessary parties regarding the submitted project\*

**DUE by January 10, 2024**

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# Farm Transition Grant: Infrastructure Investment Grant

## Description

Supports farmers who have been in production for a minimum of three years with infrastructure to expand the farm's production and operation.

**Max award of \$20,000 with a 50% match.**

## Eligibility

- Be registered with the Connecticut Secretary of State, if established as a limited liability corporation or incorporation
- Possess a Farmers' Tax Exemption Permit
- Three years of Farmer's tax exemption certificates are required to be provided upon request by the Department
- Tenants must include a long term written lease agreement between all necessary parties regarding the submitted project\*

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# Farm Transition Grant: Research and Development Grant

## Description

A grant program for farms to conduct research to assess the viability and develop a new product line, service, or market.

**Max award of \$25,000 with a 40% match.**

## Eligibility

- Be registered with the Connecticut Secretary of State, if established as a limited liability corporation or incorporation
- Possess a Farmers' Tax Exemption Permit
- Three years of Farmer's tax exemption certificates are required to be provided upon request by the Department
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# Farm Transition Grant: Innovation and Diversification Grant

## Description

A grant program for implementing a new product or service for market or business expansion after a research and development phase has been explored.

**Max award of \$49,999 with a 50% match.**

## Eligibility

- Be registered with the Connecticut Secretary of State, if established as a limited liability corporation or incorporation
- Possess a Farmers' Tax Exemption Permit
- Three years of Farmer's tax exemption certificates are required to be provided upon request by the Department
- Tenants must include a long term written lease agreement between all necessary parties regarding the submitted project\*

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# **New CT Farmers Alliance Climate Smart Ag and Forestry Grant**

## **Description**

This grant will fund a range of agriculture and forestry practices that contribute to climate change mitigation and resilience.

**18 grants of up to \$8,000.**

**4 grants of up to \$30,000.**

## **Eligibility**

NCTFA's grant program is open to any farm located in Connecticut. Priority consideration will be given to applications from new/beginning farmers, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) farmers, LGBTQ+ farmers, veteran farmers, and farmers who speak English as a second language.

**DUE by January 12, 2024**

Have questions?

Contact [nctfaclimate@gmail.com](mailto:nctfaclimate@gmail.com).

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# Cityseed BIPOC Farmer Stipend

## Description

This stipend will fund projects that directly relate to the success and longevity of a BIPOC-owned farming business and that promote the growth of CT Grown products will be prioritized.

**Farmers can request up to \$5,000 in funding.**

## Eligibility

This stipend is open to Connecticut BIPOC farmers.

Scan to apply:



**DUE by January 15, 2024**

Have questions?

Contact [kaitlyn@cityseed.org](mailto:kaitlyn@cityseed.org)



# 2024 Young Farmer Grant Program

## Description

Young Farmer Grants are designed to provide a flexible financial boost to young farmers building long-term careers in agriculture. The goal of this fund is to provide financial assistance for any cost that currently limits your ability to start, run, or grow your operation in the way you'd like.

**50 \$5,000 grants will be awarded in 2024. Grant recipients also received a one-year membership to the National Young Farmers Coalition.**

## Eligibility

- Young farmers and ranchers who are at least 18 and not over 40 years of age long-term as of May 1, 2024.
- “Livelihood farmers and ranchers” or those seeking long term careers that financially support them through agriculture.

**DUE by January 15, 2024**

Have questions?

Contact [em@youngfarmers.org](mailto:em@youngfarmers.org)



# The New England Farmer Microgrant Program

## Description

Provides direct financial support to farmers across New England. Now in its fifth year, the program continues to address key barriers faced by New England farmers: access to land, farm succession and land transfer planning, and adopting regenerative agriculture or soil health practices on livestock operations.

## Eligibility

- This grant is open to farmers in New England.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through the end of January 2024.

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Have questions?

Contact [kirvin@farmland.org](mailto:kirvin@farmland.org)



# Farmland Restoration, Climate Resiliency & Preparedness Grant Opportunity

## Description

This grant is a revision and expansion from the previous Farmland Restoration Grant Program to better prepare our farmlands with climate resiliency outcomes and disaster preparedness planning and implementation to support Connecticut's agricultural sector as they navigate changing weather patterns

**May request up to \$50,000 or \$100,000. A 90/10 match requirement**

## Eligibility

Connecticut agricultural producers and not-for-profits who are directly involved in production agriculture funding for investments that will increase the long-term climate resiliency of farming operations and decrease farm vulnerability to extreme weather events.

- Group A is open to eligible farmers who identify as BIPOC, new/beginning (1-3 years of production), and/or veteran farmers.
- Group B is open to all eligible farmers, including BIPOC, new/beginning (1-3 years of production), and/or veteran farmers, as specified in the guidance.

**DUE by January 31, 2024**

Have questions?

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# Additional DoAG Grants FY 2024

## **Resilient Food System Infrastructure Grant**

**Winter 2024**

Eligible Applicants: Agricultural producers or processors, non-profits, local gov't, tribal gov't, or institutions.

Contact: [Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov](mailto:Cyrena.Thibodeau@ct.gov) | (860)895-3094

## **Dairy Grants on behalf of CT Milk Promotion Board**

**February 2024**

Eligible Applicants: CT dairy farmers who pay into check-off dollars

Contact: [Allison.Hughes@ct.gov](mailto:Allison.Hughes@ct.gov) | (860) 500-8918

## **Dairy Farmer Continuing Education Scholarships**

**Provided on a rolling  
basis until April 2025**

Eligible Applicants: CT dairy farmers who pay into check-off dollars

Contact: [Allison.Hughes@ct.gov](mailto:Allison.Hughes@ct.gov) | (860) 500-8918



# Additional DoAG Grants FY 2024

## **Specialty Crop Block Grant**

**December 2023 - February 2024**  
Eligible Applicants: Universities or colleges, municipalities, ag non profits, State agencies, and councils of gov'ts

Contact: [Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Eddy@ct.gov) | (860) 573-0323

## **Agricultural Enhancement Grant (formerly Farm Viability Grant)**

**December 1, 2023 -  
February 9, 2024**  
Eligible Applicants: Municipalities, Regional Councils of Gov't, and Agricultural Non profits

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