



# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER



## Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI)

### Equipment-Only Grants

The RFSI program's Equipment-Only Grant type, will be made available to eligible entities for equipment needs to support the expanded capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, and/or distribution of locally and regionally produced food products, including specialty crops, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, and other food products, excluding meat and poultry.

**Equipment Defined:** For the purposes of this program, the federal definition of equipment is tangible personal property with a useful life of more than one year and a purchase price of \$5,000 or more.



### Equipment-Only Grants

**\$10,000 - \$100,000**

- Awardees have 1 year to complete
- No match required

### Allowable Expenses:

- Equipment and shipping cost only
- Equipment Units with a per-unit-cost of \$5,000 or more ONLY

### Eligible vs Ineligible - Products

#### Eligible Products:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Grains for human consumption
- Tree nuts
- Dairy
- Eggs
- Honey
- Aquaculture

#### Ineligible Products:

- Meat and poultry
- Wild-caught seafood
- Exclusively animal feed and forage products
- Fiber
- Landscaping products
- Tobacco
- Dietary supplements



## Eligible vs Ineligible - Applicants

### Eligible entities for RFSI funding:

- Agricultural producers (farmers/ranchers) or groups thereof
- Nonprofit organizations operating middle-of-the-food-supply-chain activities
- For profit organizations operating middle-of-the-food-supply-chain activities that meet SBA defined categories
  - Food Aggregators (of eligible food items per RFSI regulations)
  - Food Processors (of eligible food items per RFSI regulations)
  - Food Co-Packers (of eligible food items per RFSI regulations)
  - Food Distributors (of eligible food items per RFSI regulations)
  - Food Manufacturers (of eligible food items per RFSI regulations)
- Local government and tribal government entities operating middle-of-the-supply-chain activities
- Institutions such as schools, universities, or hospitals bringing agricultural producers together to invest in equipment that will benefit multiple producers.

### Ineligible entities that cannot receive RFSI funding:

"End-of-the-food-supply-chain" businesses (Businesses involved in direct-to-consumer marketing/sales):

- Grocery Stores, Supermarkets, & "Corner/Convenient Stores"
- Farmers' Markets
- Mobile Farmers' Markets
- Restaurants
- Mobile Restaurants
- Food Pantries

## Eligible vs Ineligible - Vehicle Types

### Eligible Vehicle Types:

Vehicles, for post-harvest activities such as, distributing harvested and processed Texas crops and/or manufactured food products to wholesale warehouses/centers, aggregation facilities/food hubs, and/or retail markets such as grocery stores, farmers' markets, restaurants, etc.

- "Distribution/Transport" Examples: Box Trucks, Refrigerated Vehicles, or any vehicle that can be justified within the above purposes.
- "Aggregation" Examples: Forklift used in a food aggregation facility to aggregate food products in said facility.

### Ineligible Vehicle Types:

- Tractors • Harvesters • Any vehicle used for agricultural production and/or harvesting
- Mobile Farmers' Market Vehicles • Mobile Restaurants ("Food Trucks") • Any vehicle used for direct-to-consumer marketing/sales

**More information:** Visit the RFSI web page at: <https://www.texasagriculture.gov/RFSI>

**Contact us:** For questions about the RFSI program, please email [FoodSystems@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:FoodSystems@TexasAgriculture.gov).