
HOWARD COUNTY ENHANCED AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Howard County has a grant funding opportunity with a mission to preserve and support agriculture in Howard County. These grants can be used for programing, research, and/or capital investments provided the grants facilitate the expansion, sustainability, and/or education of Howard County Agriculture and is being funded through the Agricultural Preservation Fund and administered by the Howard County Economic Development Authority in cooperation with the Howard County Office of Agriculture.

Applicants can receive grants up to \$250,000, however there is a total of \$500,000 of grant funding to be awarded and typically this is spread out among several applicants in values ranging from \$20,000 to \$70,000.

Grant applications will be accepted until Febuary 28th, 2025. Please email grant application and supporting documentation to Aggrants@howardcountymd.gov . Grants will be awarded by the end of March 2025. Applicants awarded grants (grantees) initially will be given 20% of the value of the grant. Grantees will submit receipts and reimbursement spreadsheets to Aggrants@howardcountymd.gov for reimbursement up to the value of the grant. Applicants can request different payment terms upon application for the grant depending on their financial needs. The full value of the grant must be spent 1.5 years from issuance of the grant.

Applications will be reviewed and scored out of a total value of 200 points by a panel selected by the Howard County Economic Development Authority. An application may receive zero points within a section that is missing information. This is a competitive grant and not all applicants may receive funding. The grants that meet the requirements will be awarded according to their rank from the total score at the discretion of the Howard County Economic Development Authority in cooperation with the Howard County Office of Agriculture. The following is the scoring system that will be used to evaluate applications:

Application Section Breakdown	Point Value
Executive Summary	30 points
Impact Summary	60 points
Implementation Summary	40 points
Outcome Summary	30 points
Overall Application	30 Points
APB Discretionary Points	10 Points
Total Points	200 Points

1. Applicant Organization / Farm

Organizations / Farm Name:

Email:

Phone:

Mailing Address:

2. Authorized Organization / Farm Representative (AOR)

This person is responsible for signing any documentation should the grant be awarded.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Check if same as above

Mailing Address:

3. Project Coordinator or Director (PC/PD)

Name:

Email:

Phone:

4. Applicant Entity Type

☐ Agricultural Business or Cooperatives

☐ Economic Development Corporation

☐ Food Council

☐ Local Government

☐ Nonprofit Corporation

☐ Producer Network or Association

☐ Public Benefit Corporation

☐ State Agency

☐ Other (Specify Below):

5. Project Activity Category

Please select all the project activities that apply.

- ☐ Aggregation
- ☐ Agritourism
- ☐ Chesapeake Bay Restoration
- ☐ Climate Action Change Mitigation and/or Adaptation/Resiliency
- ☐ Farm to Institution
- ☐ Farmer Recruitment and Retention
- ☐ Food Safety
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Marketing and Promotion
- ☐ Processing
- ☐ Production Diversification / Expansion
- ☐ Season Extension
- ☐ Training and Education
- ☐ Transportation and Distribution
- ☐ Value-added Production
- ☐ Other (specify below):

6. Agricultural Impact

Please indicate the estimated number of Howard County Farms your project will impact.

- ☐ One (1) Howard County Farm
- ☐ Multiple Howard County Farms (*Indicate below the estimated number of farms impacted by the project*)

- ☐ Multiple Maryland Farms (*Indicate below the estimated number of farms impacted by the project*)

- 7.** If you indicated multiply Howard County/Maryland farms will be positively impacted by your project, list the farms by name and location. (*It is recommended that you have letters of support from the farms listed.*)

8. Has this project received or applied for any other grant funding?

Please select all the project activities that apply.

☐ No

☐ Yes, the project has applied for other grant funding but has not been awarded the funding.

Please list the grants applied for along with requested funding.

☐ Yes, the project has received other grant funding.

If you have received other grant funding for this project list the grant and amount funded.

9. Project Title

10. Requested Funds

11. Minimal Amount of Funds the Grantee can accept for the project to be viable.

Applicants can request up to \$250,000.00.

12. Total Project Cost

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 250 words or less, briefly describe the project's purpose; activities to be performed; expected outcomes; intended beneficiaries; and any other pertinent information.

IMPACT SUMMARY

In 500 words or less describe the project's impact on Howard County Agriculture. This should include describing the specific issue, problem or need this project is addressing; how the project will impact the Agricultural operation(s) and a list of farms that would be impacted (If applicable).

IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

Describe in detail how the project will be implemented. This should include a timeline for implementation, who is responsible for actions, detailed financials for cost of implementation, and quotes from applicable vendors.

OUTCOME SUMMARY

Please list the outcomes (performance measures) you will be tracking to evaluate the effectiveness of your project. If awarded the grant, the Agricultural Preservation Board (APB) requires annual performance measures at the end of each year or at the completion of the project. The APB may add performance measures to your project prior to the acceptance of the grant.

Affidavit

By signing below, I _____ (Applicant) of _____ (Farm Operation)
solemnly swear that the information I have provided on this 2024 Howard County Enhanced Agricultural Grant application are true
and correct.

Signature: _____

Date:

Printed Name:

**Once form is complete please email the form and any supporting documentation to
AGGrants@howardcountymd.gov**