

Grant	Application Deadline	Funding Source/ Agency	Amount	Matching Requirement?	General Information	Eligibility	Additional resources
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Can submit Applications anytime, but funding for the year is determined at a different deadline each year for each state; Colorado's Deadline for 2024 was January 16th; Start working on your application for 2025!	Federal- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)	Reimbursed 50-90% of project cost up to \$140,000	Farmers pay the upfront cost of the project and are reimbursed on average 75% of the project cost can be within the range of 50%-90% though	Funds projects such as High Tunnels; Installing fencing to support rotational grazing or prescribed grazing practices; Improving irrigation and livestock watering systems; Transitioning to low or no-till management; cover crops; planting buffer zones. How it works if you decide to work with NRCS, you will receive a one on-one consultation from a local NRCS conservation planner to evaluate your current management system and conduct an assessment of natural resources on your land. You will then work with the NRCS conservation planner to develop a free conservation plan that addresses the identified resource concerns. Once you choose the conservation practices or activities that best fit your needs, and if your application is selected for funding, EQIP offers payments for implementing these practices on your land with the expectation that you will operate while maintaining the practices for the expected lifespan.	-You must make at least \$1,000 per year from your agricultural products to be eligible. -If you are not the landowner, you must receive written consent from the landowner to implement any practice that is considered permanent or "structural," such as building a greenhouse or a concrete masonry containment area. - You cannot apply for EQIP money for conservation practices if you already received other USDA program payments for those same practices.	
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Can submit Applications anytime, but funding for the year is determined at a different deadline each year for each state; Colorado's Deadline for 2024 was February 16th; Start working on your application for 2025!	Federal- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)	Minimum Payment is \$4,000 per year and a maximum of \$40,000 per year; paid 2-4 times per year Annual rental payments, as well as certain incentive payments and cost-share assistance, are offered through this program. Rental rates are determined by the relative productivity of the soils within each county and the average cash rent using data provided by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The average payment for Colorado is \$23 per acre per year	Farmers pay upfront cost and then receive annual payments and possibly a supplemental payment if your practice qualifies	5-year contract based on conservation practices. Annual payments and sometimes a supplemental payment is offered as well. Similar to EQIP the local NRCS conservation planner will have a one-on-one consultation with you to evaluate your current management system and the natural resources on your land. You will then work with the NRCS conservation planner to select new CSP conservation activities based on your management objectives for your operation. 84 conservation practices are eligible for CSP funding. Your application will rank higher if your practice addresses one of Colorado's Priority resource concerns: degraded plant condition; field sediment, nutrient, and pathogen loss; field pesticide loss; livestock production limitations; soil quality limitations; source water depletion; pest management; wind & water erosion	-Must already be farming on land and employing conservation practices that address two of the priority resource concerns and must agree to add sufficient conservation activity to address at least one more priority resource concern. - Can rent or own the land; -	NSAC CSP Guide
Conservation Reserve Program	March 4 to 29, 2024	Federal- Farm Service Agency (FSA)	no	no	10-15 year contract; CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "cover") to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and develop wildlife habitat. Grant and matching funds can be used for planning activities or for working capital expenses related to producing and marketing a value-added agricultural product. Examples of planning activities include conducting feasibility studies and developing business plans for processing and marketing the proposed value-added product. Examples of working capital expenses include Processing costs, Marketing and advertising expenses, and majority inventory and salary expenses.	A producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to submitting the offer for continuous or 12 months before the close of general or grasslands signup, unless: The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death; The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law or; The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.	
Value-Added Producer Grants program	Paper applications due April 16, 2024 Electronic applications due April 11, 2024	Federal- USDA	Maximum Grant Amount: Planning Grants \$75,000; Working Capital Grants: \$250,000.	Cost share match requirement of 100 percent of the grant amount required for all applications. no, half of the funding will be provided once the project is accepted by the foundation and the other half will be awarded once the project is completed	for implementing innovative approaches to using water in Agriculture such as improved water efficiency, water reliability, water quality, crop yield or crop diversification, and labor efficiency Applicants will need to demonstrate how requested funds will be used to increase access to or lower prices for healthy food in Low Income Low Access communities. Funding can cover can cover costs of expanding food access, including equipment, operating expenses, storage or display shelving, and much more.	Independent producers (includes harvesters and steering committees), agricultural producer groups, farmer- or rancher-cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures	NSAC Value added producer grant guide
Field Work Initiative	April 10 2024	Lor Foundation	up to \$10,000	no	no	Open to farmers and ranchers in rural areas and on tribal lands in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming. Applicants must have independent authority to make changes to water use on the land.	
Increase Access to Healthy Food	March 11 2024	Colorado Department of Agriculture	The maximum grant award will be \$50,000 per business, per year.	no	no	Open to Small family farms and Small food retailers;	
Farmer/Rancher	October 23, 2024	Western SARE	Projects with 1-2 producers may apply for up to \$25,000 and projects with 3 or more producers working together may apply for up to \$29,900.	no, Once your Subaward Agreement is fully executed, you will be issued your first payment for 50% of the total approved budget. Subsequent payments totaling 30% of the project budget will be disbursed in equal payments upon approval of annual progress reports, due March 15th of each year that the project is ongoing. The number of progress reports and amount disbursed annually will depend upon the length of your project. The final 20% of your project budget will be disbursed after the Final Project Report has been submitted and approved.	Funds a project (1-3 years in scope) to conduct research and outreach to address social, environmental, and economic aspects of agricultural sustainability	Agricultural producers in the Western region; The project team must be a minimum of two (2) people and must include: A Producer serving as the Principal Investigator (PI) and a Technical Advisor (TA). The Technical Advisor must be independent of the Producer.	
Rural Energy for America Program	June 30, 2024-September 30, 2024	USDA	Renewable Energy System Grants: \$2,500 minimum; \$1 million maximum. Energy Efficiency Grants: \$1,500 minimum; \$500,000 maximum.	yes; must match 50% of grant	Funds may be used for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems , such as Biomass (for example: biodiesel and ethanol, anaerobic digesters, and solid fuels); Geothermal for electric generation or direct use; Hydropower below 30 megawatts; Hydrogen; Small and large wind generation; Small and large solar generation; Ocean (tidal, current, thermal) generation. Funds may also be used for the purchase, installation and construction of energy efficiency improvements , such as: High efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC); Insulation; Lighting; Cooling or refrigeration units; Doors and windows; Electric, solar or gravity pumps for sprinkler pivots; Switching from a diesel to electric irrigation motor; Replacement of energy-inefficient equipment	agricultural producers and small businesses located in a rural area	
The Local Food Promotion Program	May 14, 2024	USDA	LPPP offers four types of projects, 24-month Planning, 36-month Implementation, 24-month Turnkey Marketing and Promotion, and 24-month Turnkey Recruitment and Training. Planning projects range from \$25,000 to \$100,000, while implementation projects range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Each of the turkey options is available for a defined set of activities, with funding amounts ranging from \$50,000 and \$100,000.	The program requires matching fund contributions in an amount equal to 25 percent of the total Federal portion of the grant.	For the support of local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Can apply for a general business monthly grant, a startup grant, or a "business category" grant which funds businesses in under-represented categories; March is for food & beverage; April is for Sustainability	Agricultural businesses and cooperatives. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) networks and associations. Producer networks or associations. Regional farmers' market authorities; etc.	
Amber Grants for Women	Last day of every Month	WomensNet	\$10,000 grant each month and one \$25,000 grant each year	no no, however: "Since the selection process is a competitive bid, applications may increase their cost effectiveness by submitting a Grant Project Bid lower than the full Project Cost"	Farmers can get funding if they are implementing at least 1 of 29 conservation practices (listed in the grant guidelines). Grants are primarily awarded based on "Cost per Ton" of CO2e sequestered.	As long as you're a woman who is 18 years or older, your business is 50% women-owned, and operates in the United States or Canada — you're eligible to apply.	
Restore CO grant	April 20th 2024	Zero Food Print	\$1,500- \$25,000			Applicants must be producing food for human consumption on agricultural land and A Technical Assistance Provider is required.	Restore Grant Guidelines