



MICHIGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Small Farm Safety Grant Program

PURPOSE

In response to the economic impact of the COVID-19, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (“MEDC”) has allocated an aggregate of \$1,250,000 of funding to implement the Small Farm Safety Grant Program (“Program”) to support the needs of Michigan’s small farms. The Program supports the implementation of COVID-19 monitoring and mitigation strategies to protect small farm employees and the state’s overall food production industry.

GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The MEDC will create and operate the Program to provide grants (the “Grants”) to eligible agricultural farms; \$1,250,000 will be available.

Grant Criteria

Farms within the state of Michigan may use the grants for COVID-19 testing costs, facility, or farm needs to protect against the spread of COVID-19, personal protection equipment and establishing or conducting COVID-19 screening procedures.

In order to be eligible for funding under this Program the applicant must be able to meet the following criteria (“Eligible Applicant”):

- Farm located in Michigan that meets the following requirements:
 - Employs at least 1 employee to 9 employees in Michigan
 - Provides a 2019 1040, Schedule F (2018 Schedule F may be submitted if the 2019 is unavailable) or state license, tax, or other relevant information demonstrating qualification as a farm
 - Provides internal payroll documentation supporting the number of employees for which grant funds are being requested
 - Provide proof of good standing with the State of Michigan, as applicable (Certificate of Good Standing)
 - Certifies that the business is current, on a payment plan, or other contesting in good faith, State, Local, and Real Estate Taxes
 - Agrees to all other required MEDC terms and conditions
 - Agrees to register for payment by EFT at the State of Michigan State Integrated Governmental Management Applications (SIGMA) Vendor Self-Service (VSS) website and agrees to provide its registration number.
- Grants must be used for expenditures incurred by the Eligible Applicant and meet the following criteria (“Eligible Expenses”):

- Made or incurred between June 1, 2020 and September 15, 2020 that meet the following criteria:
 - COVID-19 testing costs (i.e. on-site testing, including costs for staffing/medical personnel to administer the tests, and personal protection equipment for testing sites)
 - Farm needs to protect against the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to dividers between employees, temporary facilities to maintain social distancing, increased sanitation needs, and upgraded safety measures for farm-provided housing
 - Personal protection equipment and supplies for employees
 - Establishing and conducting screening procedures (i.e. medical staff, thermometers, and/or other supplies and equipment needed for effective, daily employee screening)
- The grants will be limited to \$1,000 per employee
- The grants will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis. Once funds are exhausted, no further grants will be issued.

All MEDC support shall be memorialized by final written grant agreements, with terms and conditions in accordance with state law, these guidelines and otherwise satisfactory to the MEDC, including without limitation, reporting of data, financial information, and any other information required to facilitate reporting.