

June 2024

Grants and Programs

Available for the Lake Erie Region

Grape & Wine Industry



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Lake Erie Regional Grape Program

Please review each grants Request for Proposals (RFP) before applying to understand all program details and what is required of the applicant. Contact Andrew Holden, Business Management Educator, with any questions at azh6192@psu.edu or by calling 716-640-2656. If you know of a grant that wasn't listed and would benefit the industry, please contact Andrew. Grant information was compiled in June of 2024 and is subject to change.

Grant:	Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program - Infrastructure Grants
State:	NY
Funder:	New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, USDA
Details:	This competitive opportunity is focused on funding infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of locally produced agricultural food products (excluding meat and poultry products).
Amount:	Applications may be submitted for projects ranging from \$100,000 - \$3,000,000. Applications must include match funds of 50% or 25% for historically underserved groups.
For:	Processors
Availability:	Open for applications through Friday, June 28, 2024 at 5pm.
More Info:	https://agriculture.ny.gov/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure-program
Grant:	Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program - Equipment-Only Grant
State:	NY
Funder:	New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, USDA
Details:	This competitive opportunity is focused on funding equipment for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of agricultural food products (excluding meat and poultry products).
Amount:	Eligible applicants may request awards in the amount of \$10,000 - \$100,000. No match is required for Equipment-Only Grants.
For:	Growers, Wineries
Availability:	Anticipated release in 2025 - check back for more information soon
More Info:	https://agriculture.ny.gov/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure-program
Grant:	Climate Resilient Farming
State:	NY
Funder:	New York Department of Agriculture and Markets
Details:	Cover crops, soil and water management structures, riparian buffers, tree planting, and many more are eligible for funding.
Amount:	Up to 80% of total eligible costs for BMP implementation.
For:	Growers
Availability:	Closes June 24, 2024
More Info:	https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0320-climate-resilient-farming

Grant:	Concord Vineyard Improvement Program
State:	NY
Funder:	Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program
Details:	To remove unwanted Concord vineyards and replant grape varieties or other agricultural crops. Concord vineyards of an acre or more of land. Active or abandoned. Live and/or dead vines. Work cannot begin until a contract is established.
Amount:	Each eligible project must not exceed \$50,000 Funding is up to \$3,000 per vineyard acre which includes: 50% of removal cost of Concord grape vines up to \$1,500(labor, equipment, custom hire, land clearing) 25% of eligible replanting cost up to \$1,500 (trellis, plant material, labor) Seed costs are not eligible
For:	Growers
Availability:	Applications accepted Oct. 15, 2018 through August 1, 2024**.
More Info:	https://lergp.com/about-vip
Grant:	New York Wine & Grape Foundation - Marketing & Educational Grants
State:	NY
Funder:	New York Wine & Grape Foundation
Details:	Funding to support marketing or educational efforts that responsibly benefit New York grape farmers, wine producers, and consumers. Virtual or In-Person Promotional Events, Regional or Winery Specific Campaigns, General Marketing to Support AgroTourism in New York State, Educational Seminars or Conferences, Business Consulting for Strategic Planning, Succession Planning, Financial Management, General Business Planning, Marketing Strategies
Amount:	Winery or Grower – NYWGF Member - Up to \$1,000 for either Promo or Educ/Bus Dev Winery or Grower – Non-Member - Up to \$500 for either Promo or Educ/Bus Dev Non-profit Entity, Wine Trail *Up to \$750 for either Promo or Educ/Bus Dev For-Profit Entity * Up to \$500 for Promo Only
For:	Wineries, Ggrowers, Wine trails, and Regional promotional entities
Availability:	Beginning in May 1, 2024
More Info:	https://form.jotform.com/221076241661146
Grant:	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
State:	NY/PA
Funder:	USDA, NRCS
Details:	EQIP provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers and forest landowners to address natural resource concerns, such as: Improved water and air quality; Conserved ground and surface water; Increased soil health; Reduced soil erosion and sedimentation; Improved or created wildlife habitat; and Mitigation against drought and increasing weather volatility.
Amount:	
For:	Growers
Availability:	Ongoing
More Info:	https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives

Grant:	PAVinES
State:	PA
Funder:	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Details:	PA VinES (Vested in Environmental Sustainability) is a voluntary program that promotes sustainable viticulture practices through a grower self-assessment workbook. The workbook looks at the economic and environmental impacts of grape production on each operation and serves as an educational resource for growers.
Amount:	The PA VinES Program pays up to 85% of installing conservation practices like: Stream-bank Stabilization, Stabilized Access Roads, Stream Crossings/Culverts, Grassed Waterways, Blind Inlets/Drop Boxes, Riparian Buffers, Diversions, & Cover Crops
For:	Growers
Availability:	Ongoing
More Info:	https://www.erieconservation.com/pavines
Grant:	Farm Vitality Planning Grant
State:	PA
Funder:	Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Details:	Grants may be used for expenses related to the following projects: - Creating or obtaining business plans or management strategies, plans for the transition of ownership and operation, plans to diversify an existing agricultural operation, plans for a farm expansion, or plans to maintain the long-term economic viability and protect the investment of public funds in preserving farms.
Amount:	The maximum grant amount is \$7,500 and is limited to 75% of project costs. This is a reimbursement grant. The amount of reimbursement is based eligible costs submitted by an approved applicant for an approved project during the fiscal year in which the grant is offered. Grants will be awarded on a funds-available basis. In-kind support will not be counted toward an applicant's matching contribution.
For:	Growers
Availability:	Ongoing
More Info:	https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Funding/Farmbill/Pages/Farm-Vitality-Grant.aspx
Grant:	Small Business Advantage Grant
State:	PA
Funder:	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Details:	The Small Business Advantage Grant provides reimbursement grants ranging from 50% to 80% of eligible project costs to Pennsylvania small businesses to improve energy efficiency or reduce pollution or waste by: upgrading or replacing equipment or supplies; improving processes; or reducing runoff into affected waterways.
Amount:	Maximum grant award amounts will vary from up to \$5,000 to up to \$8,000, based on the environmental impact of the project and whether the project location is in an Environmental Justice Area in Pennsylvania.
For:	Growers
Availability:	Ongoing
More Info:	https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/SmallBusinessOmbudsmanOffice/Pages/Small%20Business%20Advantage%20Grant.aspx