

**Nov 2024**

# Grants and Programs

## Available for the Lake Erie Region

### Grape & Wine Industry



**PennState Extension**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension**  
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](mailto: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 info was compiled in November of 2024 and is subject to change.

<b>Grant:</b>	<b>New York State Grown &amp; Certified ITRD Grant Program</b>
<b>Funder:</b>	The New York Farm Viability Institute
<b>Details:</b>	All grantees must be NYS G&C prior to reimbursement for their project. Grant applications will be more competitive if the applicant is already enrolled or actively in the process of becoming part of the NYS Grown & Certified program. That is why we are encouraging all potential applicants to take a look NOW at the NYS Grown & Certified program and determine if it is a good fit for their business.
<b>Amount:</b>	Grant sizes will range from \$20,000 to \$250,000 for infrastructure and technology projects. A 10% match (cash, grant, loan) will be required for all projects
<b>For:</b>	Growers, Wineries
<b>Availability:</b>	The Request for Proposals for Infrastructure and Technology projects will be released no later than November 25. Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2025.
<b>More Info:</b>	<a href="https://nyfvi.org/new-york-state-grown-certified-itrd-grant-program-2024copy/">https://nyfvi.org/new-york-state-grown-certified-itrd-grant-program-2024copy/</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program - Equipment-Only Grant</b>
<b>Funder:</b>	New York Department of Agriculture and Markets, USDA
<b>Details:</b>	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).
<b>Amount:</b>	Eligible applicants may request awards in the amount of \$10,000 - \$100,000. No match is required for Equipment-Only Grants.
<b>For:</b>	Growers, Wineries
<b>Availability:</b>	Anticipated release in 2025 - check back for more information soon
<b>More Info:</b>	<a href="https://agriculture.ny.gov/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure-program">https://agriculture.ny.gov/resilient-food-systems-infrastructure-program</a>
<b>Grant:</b>	<b>New York State Beginning Farmer Competitive Grant Program</b>
<b>Funder:</b>	The New York Farm Viability Institute
<b>Details:</b>	Farmers who have not operated a farm for more than 10 years and who will materially and substantially participate in operating the farm within the State are eligible to submit proposals. It is expected that all applicants will have a serious interest in building a financially sustainable, independent, commercial agricultural enterprise.
<b>Amount:</b>	\$5,000 - \$250,000
<b>For:</b>	Growers (Less than 10 years in business)
<b>Availability:</b>	The RFP opened on October 25th and applications will be accepted through January 24, 2025.
<b>More Info:</b>	<a href="https://nyfvi.org/bfcg-program/">https://nyfvi.org/bfcg-program/</a>