

## Micro Agricultural Grant Program



Round 5 Now Open		ng and sustaining the development, expansion, and coordination of al enterprises and initiatives in <b>Queen Anne's County, Maryland.</b>
Link		QAC Micro Agricultural Grant Application
Funding Source		Upper Shore Regional Council and QAC Commissioners
Deadline		Applications are due by 12:00 p.m. noon on February 10, 2025
Grant Contact		Rebecca Clark Economic Development Administrator Queen Anne's County Economic & Tourism Development Phone: 410.604.2100 Email: rclark@qac.org
Purpose		<ul> <li>Queen Anne's County Economic &amp; Tourism Development, in partnership with Upper Shore Regional Council is providing grant funding to local agricultural businesses looking to expand, diversify, or improve their:</li> <li>Marketing efforts</li> <li>Implement capital improvement projects</li> <li>Conduct agricultural research initiatives</li> </ul>
		The purpose of the project is to help support and sustain the development, expansion, and coordination of agricultural enterprises and initiatives in Queen Anne's County. Applicants must operate an agricultural business in Queen Anne's County,
Eligible Ap	piicants	<ul> <li>Applicants must operate an agricultural business in Gueen Anne's county,</li> <li>MD and be actively engaged in the farming community in one or more of the following categories:</li> <li>Crop and/or livestock production (including Equine)</li> <li>Agricultural product processing</li> <li>Agricultural education or support</li> <li>Agricultural Cooperatives</li> <li>Timber production or processing</li> <li>Agritourism</li> <li>Aquaculture</li> </ul>

## **Technical Assistance**

Technical assistance will be available via email through January 20th, 2025. Please contact Rebecca Clark, Economic Development Administrator, at rclark@qac.org.

## **Eligible Projects**

Grant funding can be used for the following purposes:

- Strategic marketing campaigns
- Technology innovation or implementation
- Climate resiliency projects
- Capital improvements for business start-up, expansion, or valueadded production
- Research projects
- Animal welfare improvements
- Agritourism projects

Approximately **\$64,000** is available to fund applications under this program in FY2025. Grant requests ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 will be considered on a competitive basis.

**Grant Process** Please submit a complete and accurate online application with all required supporting documentation by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Your submission should include:

- <u>Completed Online Application</u>
- Project Budget
- Documentation to support your request for financial assistance (a quote, receipts, invoices, cancelled checks, etc.)
- Articles of Incorporation/Organization/Formation, Bylaws and/or Operating Agreement, as applicable

Applications will be reviewed by committee in February 2025. Applicants will be sent a confirmation that their application has been received and will be contacted via email with guestions and/or with funding outcomes.

This is a cost reimbursable grant. Grantees must complete a reimbursement request showing proof of expenses. Expenses incurred for the project dating back to October 2024 can be retroactively reimbursed.

Grantees must complete a final grant report due to Queen Anne's County Economic & Tourism Development by June 15, 2025.



**Funding Available**