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New Hampshire
*Department of Agriculture,
Markets, and Food*

Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

January 8, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

1. Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, to enter into a grant agreement with Sunnycrest Farm Inc. (VC# 329823), Londonderry, NH, for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$62,046.00, effective upon Governor and Council approval through May 1, 2027. **100% Federal Funds.**
2. Further authorize an advance payment in the amount of \$62,046.00 to Sunnycrest Farm Inc., Londonderry, NH, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, effective upon Governor and Council approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in account Resilient Food Sys Infra as follows

	FY 26
02-18-18-180010-28710000-072-502683 – Subaward Payments	\$62,046.00

EXPLANATION

The Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program is a USDA funded grant program intended to serve middle-of-the-supply-chain needs to add value and provide more, new, and better markets for locally or regionally produced food.

The funds are intended to support expanded capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally and regionally produced food products.

This project will support Sunnycrest Farm Inc., Londonderry, NH, to purchase specialized cider processing equipment. This project was selected by a review panel comprised of industry relevant experts and subsequently approved by USDA to be aligned with the eligibility criteria for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program.

The department has determined that the vendor is in good standing with the Secretary of State's Office, has secured the required level of insurance, and has provided evidence of authority to

execute and be bound by the contract. Documents supporting these assertions are available at the agency, for review upon request.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

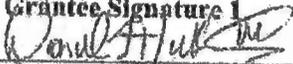
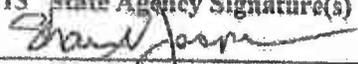
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn N. Jasper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shawn" and last name "Jasper" clearly legible.

Shawn N. Jasper
Commissioner

GRANT AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Grantee hereby
Mutually agree as follows:
GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Identification and Definitions.

1.1. State Agency Name Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food		1.2. State Agency Address 1 Granite Place South, Concord, NH 03301	
1.3. Grantee Name Sunnycrest Farm Inc.		1.4. Grantee Address 59 High Range Road, Londonderry, NH 03053	
1.5. Grantee Phone # 603-432-7753	1.6. Account Number 28710000	1.7. Completion Date May 1, 2027	1.8. Grant Limitation \$ 62,046.00
1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency Joshua Marshall		1.10. State Agency Telephone Number 603-271-3551	
If Grantee is a municipality or village district: "By signing this form we certify that we have complied with any public meeting requirement for acceptance of this grant, including if applicable RSA 31:95-b."			
1.11. Grantee Signature 1 		1.12. Name & Title of Grantee Signor 1 Daniel Hicks, President	
Grantee Signature 2		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 2	
Grantee Signature 3		Name & Title of Grantee Signor 3	
1.13. State Agency Signature(s) 		1.14. Name & Title of State Agency Signor(s) Shawn N. Jansen, Commissioner	
1.15. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G & C approval required) By:  Assistant Attorney General, On: 12/11/2025			
1.16. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: ____/____/____			

2. **SCOPE OF WORK:** In exchange for grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, acting through the Agency identified in block 1.1 (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), the Grantee identified in block 1.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Grantee"), shall perform that work identified and more particularly described in the scope of work attached hereto as EXHIBIT B (the scope of work being hereinafter referred to as "the Project").

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3. AREA COVERED. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Grantee shall perform the Project in, and with respect to, the State of New Hampshire.
4. EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPLETION OF PROJECT.
- 4.1. This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire if required (block 1.16), or upon signature by the State Agency as shown in block 1.14 ("the Effective Date").
- 4.2. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.7 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").
5. GRANT AMOUNT; ALLOCATION ON AMOUNT; VOUCHERS; PAYMENT.
- 5.1. The Grant Amount is itemized and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C, attached hereto.
- 5.2. The manner of, and schedule of, payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT C.
- 5.3. In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT C, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 5.3 of these general provisions, the State shall pay to the Grantee the Grant Amount. The State shall withhold from the amount otherwise payable to the Grantee under this subparagraph 5.3 those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.
- 5.4. The payment by the State of the Grant amount shall be the only, and the complete payment to the Grantee for all expenses, of whatever nature, incurred by the Grantee in the performance hereof, and shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Grantee for the Project. The State shall have no liabilities to the Grantee other than the Grant Amount.
- 5.5. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made, hereunder exceed the grant limitation set forth in block 1.8 of these general provisions.
6. COMPLIANCE BY GRANTEE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS. In connection with the performance of the Project, the Grantee shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligations or duty upon the Grantee, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits and RSA 33:95-b.
7. RECORDS and ACCOUNTS.
- 7.1. Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency, the Grantee shall keep detailed accounts of all expenses incurred in connection with the Project, including, but not limited to, costs of administration, transportation, insurance, telephone calls, and clerical materials and services. Such accounts shall be supported by receipts, invoices, bills, and other similar documents.
- 7.2. Between the Effective Date and the date seven (7) years after the Completion Date, unless otherwise required by the grant terms or the Agency pursuant to subparagraph 7.1, at any time during the Grantee's normal business hours, and as often as the State shall demand, the Grantee shall make available to the State all records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement. The Grantee shall permit the State to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits (of all contracts, invoices, receipts, purchase orders, or personnel files as that term is hereinafter defined) and other information relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. As used in this paragraph "records" include any persons, natural or federal, affiliated with, owned by, or under common ownership with, the entity identified as the Grantee in block 1.3 of these provisions.
8. PERSONNEL.
- 8.1. The Grantee shall, at its own expense, provide all personnel necessary to perform the Project. The Grantee warrants that all personnel engaged in the Project shall be qualified to perform such Project, and shall be properly licensed and authorized to perform such Project under all applicable laws.
- 8.2. The Grantee shall not hire, and it shall not permit any subcontractor, subgrantee, or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Project, to hire any person who has a contractual relationship with the State, or who is a State officer or employee, elected or appointed.
- 8.3. The Grant Officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grant Officer, and his/her decision on any dispute, shall be final.
9. DATA; RETENTION OF DATA; ACCESS.
- 9.1. As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, paper, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.
- 9.2. Between the Effective Date and the Completion Date the Grantee shall grant to the State, or any person designated by it, unrestricted access to all data for examination, duplication, publication, translation, sale, disposal, or for any other purpose whatsoever.
- 9.3. No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State.
- 9.4. On and after the Effective Date all data, and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, whichever shall first occur.
- 9.5. The State, and anyone it shall designate, shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, all data.
10. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability or continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Grantee notice of such termination.
11. EVENT OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES.
- 11.1. Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Grantee shall constitute an event of default hereunder (hereinafter referred to as "Events of Default"):
- 11.1.1 Failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or
- 11.1.2 Failure to submit any report required hereunder; or
- 11.1.3 Failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or
- 11.1.4 Failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.
- 11.2. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:
- 11.2.1 Give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice, and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Grantee notice of termination; and
- 11.2.2 Give the Grantee a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the Grant Amount which would otherwise accrue to the Grantee during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Grantee has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Grantee; and
- 11.2.3 Set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Grantee any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and
- 11.2.4 Treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.
12. TERMINATION.
- 12.1. In the event of any early termination of this Agreement, the day from which the completion of the Project, the Grantee shall deliver to the Grant Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall entitle the Grantee to receive that portion of the Grant amount earned to and including the date of termination.
- 12.2. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall in no event relieve the Grantee from any and all liability for damages sustained or incurred by the State as a result of the Grantee's breach of its obligations hereunder.
- 12.3. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, either the State or, except when a default has been given to the Grantee hereunder, the Grantee, may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.
- 12.4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST. No officer, member of employee of the Grantee, and no representative, officer or employee of the State of New Hampshire or of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the Project is to be performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or

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- approval of the undertaking or carrying out of such Project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall he or she have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.
14. **GRANTEE'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Grantee, its employees, and any subcontractor or subgrantee of the Grantee are in all respects independent contractors, and are neither agents nor employees of the State. Neither the Grantee nor any of its officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen's compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.
15. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS.** The Grantee shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State. None of the Project Work shall be subcontracted or subgranted by the Grantee other than as set forth in Exhibit B without the prior written consent of the State.
16. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Grantee or subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Grantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.
17. **INSURANCE.**
- 17.1 The Grantee shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain in force, or shall require any subcontractor, subgrantee or assignee performing Project work to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State, the following insurance:
- 17.1.1 Statutory workers' compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and
- 17.1.2 General liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for bodily injury or death any one incident, and \$500,000 for property damage in any one incident; and
- 17.2. The policies described in subparagraph 17.1 of this paragraph shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. Grantee shall furnish to the State, certificates of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy.
18. **WAIVER OF BREACH.** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express waiver of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provisions hereof. No such failure of waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Grantee.
19. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses first above given.
20. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire, if required or by the signing State Agency.
21. **CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The captions and contents of the "subject" blank are used only as a matter of convenience, and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement or to be used in determining the intent of the parties hereto.
22. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.
23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.
24. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** The additional or modifying provisions set forth in Exhibit A hereto are incorporated as part of this agreement.

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Exhibit A, Special Provisions

A.1 If the date for commencement for Exhibit A precedes the Effective Date all services performed by the Grantee between the commencement date and the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Grantee and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall be under no obligation to pay the Grantee for any costs incurred or services performed.

Exhibit B, Scope of Work

B.1 The grantee shall utilize awarded Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI) funds (USDA-AMS Award #23RFSINH0012) for project titled "Sunnycrest Farm UV-C Cider Purification System Initiative" to purchase specialized food processing equipment as detailed in the grantee's Infrastructure Grant Proposal as approved by USDA, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

B.2 Outcomes shall be measured in accordance with the Expected Performance Measures section of the grantee's Infrastructure Grant Proposal, increasing capacity in the middle of the supply chain and economic viability of local/regional producers and processors.

B.3 **Compliance.** All project work shall be managed by the grantee who shall be responsible for all project development and oversight. This includes adhering to applicable federal grant uniform administrative requirements as specified in the Code of Federal Regulations and other federal requirements as follows:

- a. Grant funds awarded to state, local, and Tribal governments; public and private colleges and universities; and non-profit organizations are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards contained in 2 CFR part 200 and 2 CFR part 400.
- b. Grant funds awarded to federal government entities are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements and Cost Principles for Federal Awards contained in 2 CFR part 200 and 2 CFR part 400.
- c. Grant funds awarded to For-Profit Organizations are subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements contained in 2 CFR part 200 and 2 CFR part 400, and the Cost Principles contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 31.2, Contracts with Commercial Organizations, codified at 48 CFR 31.2.
- d. Recipients are responsible for the consistent application of the Federal regulations to the RFSI grant funds including the USDA AMS General Terms and Conditions and the RFSI Program Specific Terms and Conditions.
- e. The CFR is accessible on the National Archives and Records Administration website and in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations at www.cfr.gov.

B.4 **Prior Approval Requirements:** To make any changes to proposed equipment purchases, the grantee must submit a written request detailing the desired changes and obtain written approval from the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food (DAMF). Certain changes may also require approvals from the US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service and or Governor and Executive Council.

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B.5 Reporting/Monitoring: The grantee will submit documentation to DAMF confirming the purchase of eligible equipment as detailed in the grantee's Infrastructure Grant Proposal as approved by USDA. The grantee is required to submit an Annual Performance Report (template provided by USDA-AMS) during each year of the project. Grantee is also subject to monitoring site visits from DAMF and/or University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension staff.

B.6 Records: Record retention and accessibility is governed by 2 CFR 200.333 and 200.337. The grantee must retain financial records, project records, and supporting documents for a period of three years from the date the Grant Agreement is closed

Exhibit C, Payment

C.1 The State shall disburse a maximum of \$62,046.00 for the purposes of the project described in Exhibit B as an advance disbursement.

C.2 Payment Process: In order to receive payment, Grantee must first be registered with the New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for a State of New Hampshire vendor number. If Grantee already has a vendor number and supplied it to DAMF, initial payment will be made once we receive Governor and Council approval. If Grantee does not already have a vendor number, registration is available at:

[https://apps.das.nh.gov/vendorregistration/\(S\(rnkbxvllloscaesvql1n3np2\)\)/welcome.aspx](https://apps.das.nh.gov/vendorregistration/(S(rnkbxvllloscaesvql1n3np2))/welcome.aspx).

C.3 Method of Disbursement: Payment by the State shall be completed by check or Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") in accordance with the vendor registration.

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State of New Hampshire

Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that SUNNYCREST FARM, INC. is a New Hampshire Profit Corporation registered to transact business in New Hampshire on April 11, 1966. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: **18861**

Certificate Number: **0007340563**



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,
this 7th day of December A.D. 2025.

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David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

I, Kelley Hick, hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of
(Name)
Suncrest Farm, Inc. I hereby certify the following officers or positions
are authorized to bind the Corporation for contractual obligations President
(list officer titles or position)

I further certify that the following individuals currently hold the office or positions
authorized: Daniel J. Hick
(list individuals holding positions authorized)

I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this
certificate as evidence that the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated
and that they have full authority to bind the corporation. This authority **shall remain valid**
for thirty (30) days from the date of this certificate.

DATED: 12/1/2025

ATTEST: Kelley Hick
(Name & Title)

Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance Policy

Insurer ID No (s): 47639
 Association Members WCT
 PO Box 859222-9222
 Braintree, MA 02185-0000

Carrier Policy #:	Policy Period
030009101049126	01/01/2026 to 01/01/2027

Information Page	Renewal Policy
FEIN: 020250759	Carrier Prior Policy #: 030009101049125
Item 1: Named Insured and Address	Agency
Sunncrest Farm Inc 59 High Range Road C/o Dan Hicks Londonderry, NH 03053	D. Francis Murphy Insurance Agency 200 Main St Marlborough, MA 01752

Other Workplaces Not Shown Above: See Schedule of Operations
Additional Named Insured: See Additional Named Insureds if Applicable

Type of Business: Corporation	Federal ID#: 020250759
Risk ID: 280114715	NCCI / Bureau #: 47639
Unemployment ID #:	File #: 030009101049126

Item 2. Policy Period The policy period is from 12:01 AM on 01/01/2026 to 12:01AM on 01/01/2027 based on the insured's mailing address time zone.

Item 3. Coverage:

- A. Workers Compensation Insurance: Part One of the policy applies to the Workers Compensation Law of the states listed:
NH
- B. Employers Liability Insurance: Part Two of the policy applies to work in each state listed in Item 3.A. The limits of our liability under Part Two are:

Bodily Injury by Accident	\$ 1,000,000.00	each accident
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 1,000,000.00	policy limit
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 1,000,000.00	each employee

C. Other States Insurance:

D. This policy includes these endorsements and schedules:

NOC(04/14), WC000000C(01/15), WC000114(11/14), WC000305(04/84), WC000307(04/84), WC000308(04/84), WC000324(08/95), WC000406(08/95), WC000414A(01/19), WC000422C(01/21), WC280601(04/84), WC280604(04/92)

Item 4: Premium

The Premium for the policy will be determined by our Manual of Rules, Classifications, Rates and Rating Plans. All information required below is subject to verification and change by audit.

Classifications	Code #	Premium Basis Total Estimated Annual Remuneration	Rate Per \$100 of Remuneration	Estimated Annual Premium
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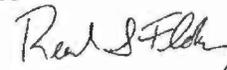
See Schedule of Operations on Following Page(s)

<u>Minimum Premium</u>	<u>Prorated Premium</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Premium</u>	<u>Expense Constant</u>
\$ 260.00	\$ 13,425.00	\$ 13,425.00	\$ 0.00

Issuing Office: 35 Braintree Hill Office Park Ste 206
 Braintree MA 02185-0000

Date Printed:
12-12-2025

Countersigned by:





Agricultural Marketing Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The RFSI Equipment-Only Grant Proposal should include a project narrative that describes the overall scope of the project and how it aligns with the program goals and priorities. Applicants must attach documentation to substantiate the costs of each piece of equipment, which can include contracts, catalog pricing, or binding quotes provided by license commercial entities.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Organization Name:

UEI:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Physical Address

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Mailing Address (If different from above)

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

PRIMARY POINT OF CONTACT

For the person who will be the main contact for any correspondence and is responsible for signing any documentation should the grant be awarded.

Name:

Title:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES INDEX

Using the [Distressed Communities Index Map](#), provide the community distress score for the county(ies) benefiting from your project.

Note: U.S. Territories are not required to submit Distressed Communities Index data.

Click the + or - button to add or remove items as needed.

FOR EXAMPLE:

County 1: Enter County name

Distress Score1: Enter County Distress Score

County 2: Enter County name

Distress Score2: Enter County Distress Score

+	County	Distress Score
-	Rockingham	3.0951
-	Hillsborough	13.2738
-	Merrimack	15.5392
-	Strafford	18.411
-	Belknap	14.3586
-	Grafton	19.7511
-	Carroll	19.6235
-	Essex	26.739

TYPE OF APPLICANT

Select applicant type:

- Agricultural producers or processors, or groups of agricultural producers and processors.**
- For-profit entities operating middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, or distribution of targeted agricultural products, whose activities are primarily focused for the benefit of local and regional producers, and that meet the eligibility requirements of the SBA small business size standards are eligible. For more information on these size standards, please visit [SBA's Size Standards webpage](#). For a quick check on whether your business qualifies, please use the [Size Standards Tool](#).**
- Nonprofit organizations operating middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, distribution of targeted agricultural products**
- Local government entities operating middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, distribution of targeted agricultural products**
- Tribal governments operating middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, distribution of targeted agricultural products.**
- Institutions such as schools, universities, or hospitals bringing producers together to establish cooperative or shared infrastructure or invest in equipment that will benefit multiple producers middle-of-the-supply-chain activities such as processing, aggregation, distribution of targeted agricultural product.**

PROJECT TITLE

Provide a descriptive project title in 15 words or less in the space below.

Sunnycrest Farm UV-C Cider Purification System Initiative

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Include a project summary of 250 words or less suitable for dissemination to the public. A Project Summary provides a very brief (one sentence, if possible) description of your project. A Project Summary includes:

1. The name of the applicant organization that if awarded a grant will establish an agreement or contractual relationship with the State Applicant to lead and execute the project,
2. The project's purpose, deliverables, and expected outcomes and
3. A description of the general tasks/activities to be completed during the project period to fulfill this goal

Samantha Pitarys and Daniel Hicks IV will be leading the UV-C Cider Purification System Initiative at Sunnycrest Farm, a project designed to create additional economic opportunities for apple farmers in New Hampshire. Sunnycrest Farm will establish an agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food to fund the purchase of specialized equipment to create a value-added product that meets all regulatory and food safety requirements necessary for farms and food businesses in New Hampshire. This initiative reflects a commitment to enhancing the local agriculture industry and supporting the community.

Specifically, this initiative will establish a Wholesale Cider Division at Sunnycrest Farm for greater distribution of cider products, ensuring that high-quality cider reaches a wider audience. It will create new markets by providing a platform for other New Hampshire apple growers to sell their produce. This will not only benefit individual farmers but also strengthen the local economy. Creating a centralized processing location will improve efficiency and collaboration within the state's cider-making community.

Throughout the project period, Samantha and Daniel will procure all necessary equipment for the UV-C Cider Purification System, ensuring that the process meets the highest standards. Daniel, along with his father, Dan Hicks III, will oversee the installation of the equipment. Additionally, Samantha will actively connect with local farms and companies to establish valuable partnerships and accounts, fostering a collaborative environment.

PROJECT PURPOSE

OPERATIONS IDENTIFIER

Provide where within the Middle of the Supply Chain the requested equipment be used:

- Processing
 Aggregation
 Distribution
 Value Added Production

Other

TYPE OF AGRICULTUREAL FOOD PRODUCTS PROCESSED WITH THE EQUIPMENT?

<input type="button" value="Remove Product Row"/>		<input type="button" value="Add Product Row"/>	
#	Product Type		
1	Apples		

#	Product Type

SCOPE OF WORK

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CURRENT BUSINESS OPERATIONS INCLUDING SERVICES BEING OFFERED IN THE GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS AREA.

Currently, Sunnycrest Farm operates a large pick-your-own fruit operation, along with a farm market that attracts customers seeking groceries. The market offers a variety of products, including our own produce, unpasteurized cider, baked goods, and other items made in New Hampshire, as well as a delightful ice cream stand. Additionally, we have a wholesale market for fruits and vegetables that supplies goods to mid and southern New Hampshire, as well as parts of Massachusetts. Current business operations include cleaning and distribution of fruits and vegetables and some value-added product creation in the farm market bakery. However, Sunnycrest Farm does not currently process, aggregate, or distribute apples from other farms.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC NEED THAT THE REQUESTED EQUIPMENT WILL ADDRESS.

Currently, Sunnycrest Farm does not have the special purpose equipment needed to pasteurize cider, preventing us from entering the wholesale market. Installing a CiderSure system will enable us to begin wholesale cider production. Additionally, this will create opportunities for fellow farmers to sell their surplus apples into this market for an additional value-added product. Other orchards in the region do not currently have access to a UV pasteurization system to process their apples into wholesale ready cider. This leads to the potential for apples going to waste with no viable market after pick-your-own or retail cider sales. Setting up a CiderSure in Londonderry, NH, will also reduce travel time for farmers who currently travel long distances to have their cider pressed.

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE IMPACT THIS EQUIPMENT WILL HAVE ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL PRODUCERS, MARKET OUTLETS, AND MORE.

The installation of the CiderSure UV pasteurization system for apple cider will significantly benefit local and regional producers and market outlets in several ways. Pasteurizing cider turns New Hampshire produced apples into a value-added product and ensures a safer product for consumers, boosting confidence and expanding market potential. Sunnycrest Farm can engage in wholesale cider operations, creating new markets for local farmers to sell their surplus apples and fostering a cooperative ecosystem. Nearby farmers will have access to a new processing facility to have their cider processed locally, reducing travel time and costs, which strengthens community ties. With pasteurized cider, Sunnycrest will have a new product that can reach new markets, including grocery stores and restaurants, increasing sales and visibility. By utilizing surplus apples, the system promotes sustainable farming and minimizes waste. Increased production can drive local economic growth, with the potential for creating jobs in processing and distribution in the future. In summary, the CiderSure system will enhance product safety, support local farmers, and contribute to the growth of the agricultural community in the region.

ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL PRODUCERS IMPACTED.

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DOES THIS PROJECT DIRECTLY BENEFIT:

Check box for all that apply below

- Underserved farmers and ranchers?
- New and beginning farmers and ranchers?
- Veteran Producers?
- Processors or other middle-of-the-supply businesses owned by socially disadvantaged individuals?

EXPECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The outcomes and performance measures below provide a framework that allows grant recipients to track and evaluate project activities. Please provide expected numbers based on the projects scope of work. Select N/A if not applicable to the specific project.

OUTCOME 2: CAPACITY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR LOCAL/REGIONAL FOOD PRODUCTS

Indicator	Description	Expected Numbers	N/A
2.3	Number of processing equipment units purchased and installed:	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Number of aggregation, storage, distribution equipment units purchased and installed:	2	<input type="checkbox"/>

OUTCOME 3: INCREASE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF LOCAL/REGIONAL PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS

Indicator	Description	Expected Numbers	N/A
3.2	Number of local/regional agricultural producers who benefited from the new or improved processing/aggregation/storage or distribution capacity:	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.3	Number of new local/regional products processed, aggregated, stored or distributed:	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.4	Number of new value-added products developed:	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.5	Number of new market-outlets established:	10	<input type="checkbox"/>

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Please be sure to list and justify all expenses to be covered. If applicable, ensure that you have included Critical Resources and Infrastructure letter(s) to support the application information.

EQUIPMENT

Describe any special purpose equipment to be purchased under the grant. "Special purpose equipment" such as such as, canners, hulling processors, reverse osmosis systems, egg packing machines, flotation tanks, roasters, or other processing equipment, packing and labeling equipment, or delivery vehicles.

+	#	Equipment Item	Purchase Price	Acquisition Date	Funds Requested
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-	1	UV Processor High-Power	\$53068.46	jun 5, 2025	\$53,068.46
-	2	450 Gallon non-UN 304 Stainless Steel IBC Tank, Food Grade	\$4488.77	march 13, 2025	\$8,977.54
Equipment Subtotal					\$62,046.00

EQUIPMENT JUSTIFICATION

For each Equipment item listed in the above table describe how this equipment will be used to achieve the objectives and outcomes of the project. Add more equipment by copying and pasting the existing listing or delete equipment that isn't necessary.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Equipment 1: Description and justification

Equipment 2: Description and justification

Equipment 1: (1) UV Processor High- Power
 Justification: A high-power UV processor effectively eliminates harmful bacteria and pathogens in cider while preserving its flavor and quality. Approved by the FDA, this method enables us to distribute our cider to a larger region.
 Equipment 2: (2) 450 Gallon IBC Tank, Stainless Steel, Food Grade. Justification: We need two holding tanks for the cider. The first tank will store the fresh-pressed cider before it is processed through the CiderSure UV Processor, which will eliminate live bacteria. The second tank will hold the processed cider before it is bottled.

***Applicants must submit documentation to substantiate the costs of each piece of equipment, which can include contracts, catalog pricing, or binding quotes provided by license commercial entities.**