

Practical Farmers of Iowa Conference

Funding Farm Growth Through Grants

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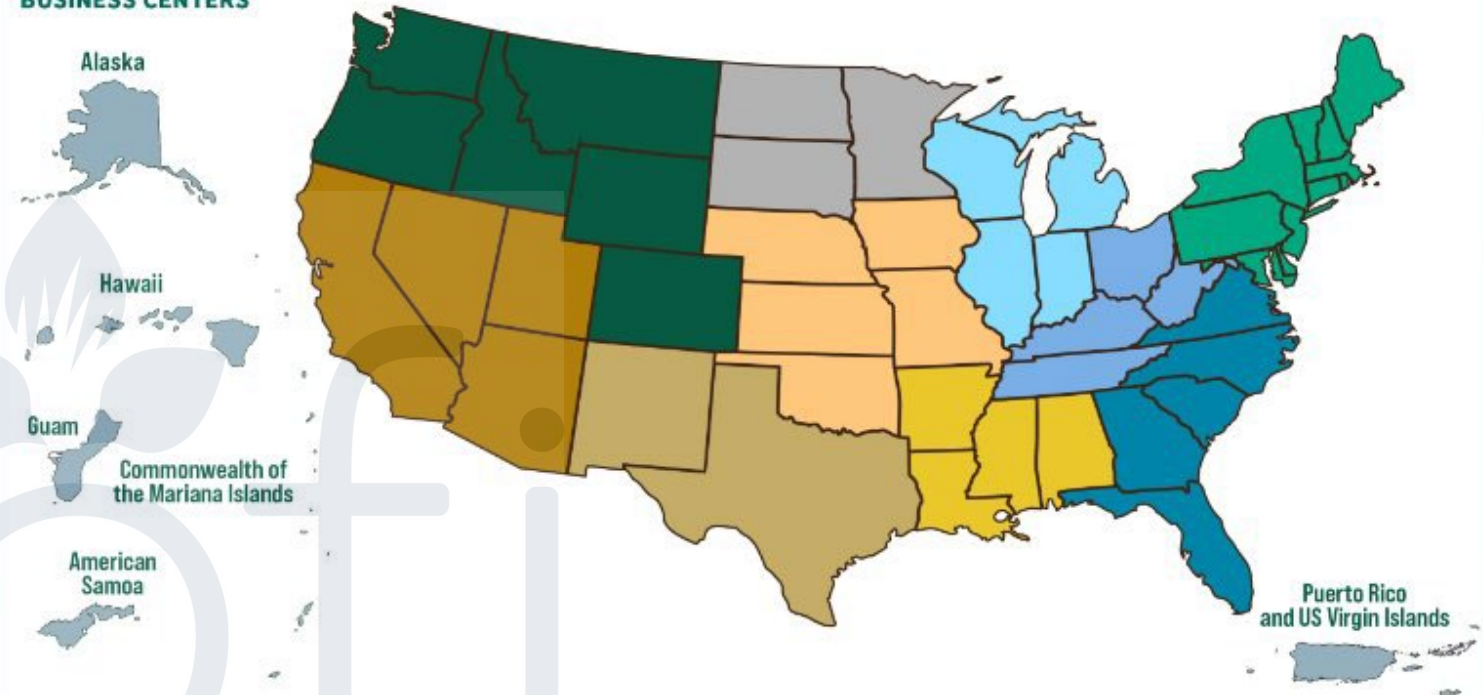
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

Heartland

- Iowa in Heartland Center.
- Technical assistance provided by Farm, Food and Enterprise Development at ISU.
- Intent of entire center is to support food & farm businesses supporting local in the region.



USDA Regional Food Business Centers Geographic Regions



★ National Intertribal Food Business Center - Intertribal Agriculture Council will serve tribes nationwide. ★

Northwest and Rocky Mountain Colorado State University	Great Lakes Midwest Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems
Southwest University of California (This Center will serve the Colonias counties in California and Arizona.)	Delta Mississippi Delta Council for Farmworker Opportunities
North Central Region Five Development Commission	Appalachia Rural Action, Inc.
Heartland University of Nebraska - Lincoln	Northeast National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Foundation
Rio Grande Colonias Texas AGM AgriLife (This Center will serve the Colonias counties in New Mexico and Texas.)	Southeast Locus/Georgia Minority Outreach Network
	Islands and Remote Areas Hawaii Good Food Alliance

*These boundaries are not rigid but for visualization purposes only. USDA anticipates collaboration with communities across state and county lines.

Business Builder Grants

- \$11.1 million in three rounds.
- No match requirement.
- Reimbursement grant.
- Range \$5,000 to \$50,000
- Online application.
- Does require UEI number.

Business Builder Subaward Timeline <small>(estimated dates**)</small>			
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
RFP Release	Aug. 15, 2024	Jan. 15, 2025	June 15, 2025
Applications Due	Oct. 15, 2024	Mar. 15, 2025	Aug. 15, 2025
Award Notification	Jan. 15, 2025	June 15, 2025	Nov. 15, 2025

Details

- Who can apply?
 - Small and mid-size farm and food businesses producing in, sourcing from and focused on local and regional markets.
 - Food processors, aggregators, distributors and retailers that source locally and serve multiple small and mid-size food and farm businesses.
 - Think food sales outlets, farmers, food cooperatives, processors, aggregators, food hubs, farmers' markets, etc.
- Unallowable
 - No production
 - No construction
 - No research

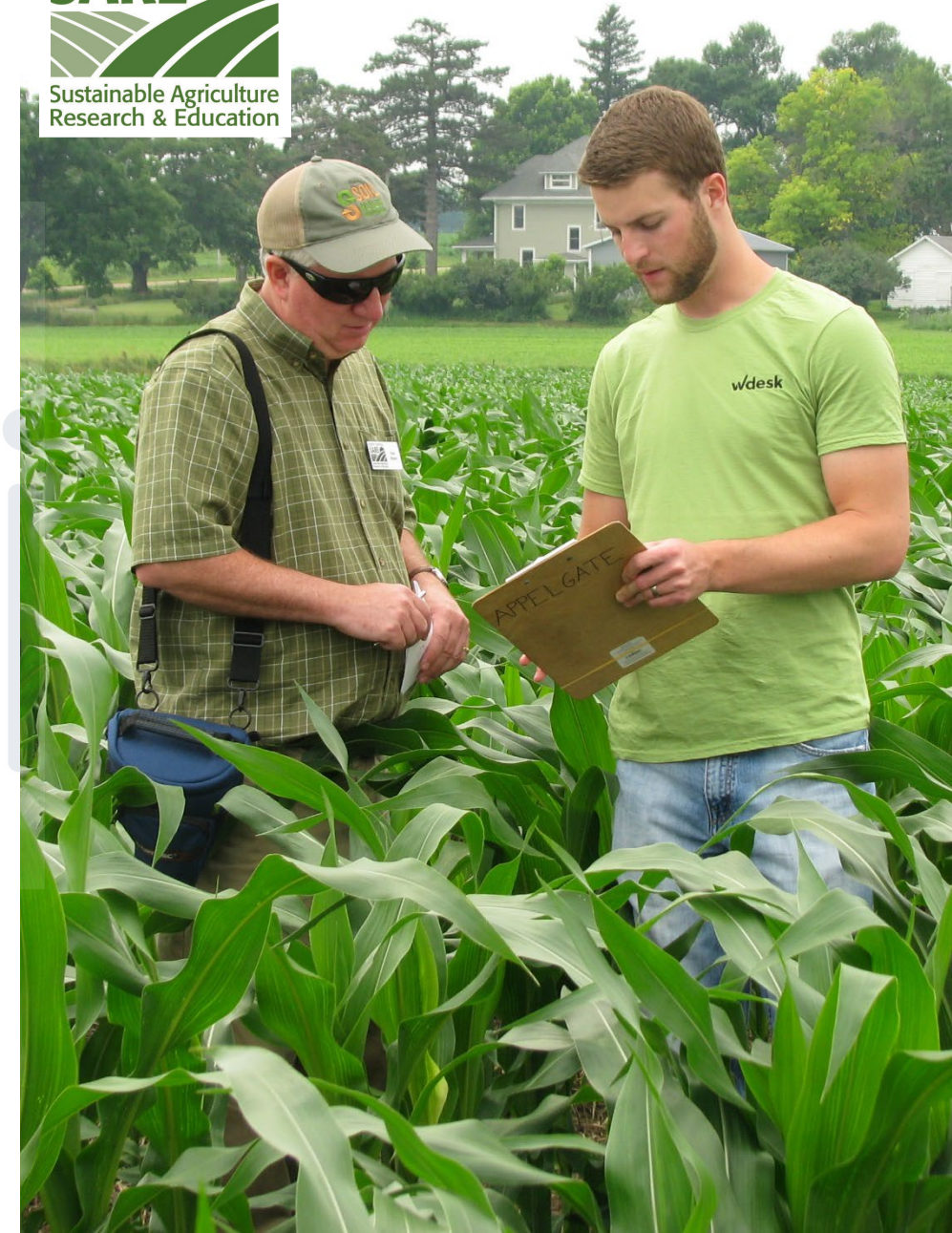


To Apply

- www.Heartlandfoodbusiness.org
- Create an account on the site.
- Register for UEI number.
- Work with technical service provider ahead of time.
- Determine needs.

SARE

- Iowa part of North Central Region
- Research & grant programs
- Stewardship of 3 principles of sustainability
 - Stewardship of land and water
 - Profit over long-term
 - Quality of life for farmers, ranchers and communities





Farmer Rancher

- Farmer problem; farmer research; farmer outreach
- \$15,000 for an individual; \$30,000 for two or more farm families
- Around 40 funded per year
- Open in early August; close in early December
- northcentralsare.org

Thank you!

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