



# Finding Agricultural Funding Resources



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## 1. Small Farm Funding Resources

National Agricultural Library, Rural Information Center.

[http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/small\\_farm\\_funding.htm](http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/small_farm_funding.htm)

The Rural Information Center (RIC) has compiled this funding resource from a variety of private, state, and federal online funding databases. Additional resources for finding funding for all types of activities in rural areas are available at <http://ric.nal.usda.gov/ric/fundres.php>.

For more information on their resources and/or hardcopy versions of their directories, contact:

Rural Information Center  
10301 Baltimore Ave., Room 132  
Beltsville, MD 20705-2351  
Toll-free: 1-800-633-7701 (Nationwide)  
E-mail: [ric@ars.usda.gov](mailto:ric@ars.usda.gov)

## 2. Building Better Rural Places: Federal Programs for Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry, Entrepreneurship, Conservation and Community Development

Krome, Margaret, Susan LeVan, and David Zodrow. In cooperation with ATTRA - the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service.

Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2004. 146 p.

<http://www.attra.ncat.org/guide/index.html> or

<http://www.attra.ncat.org/guide/resource.pdf> (PDF | 1.2 MB)

To obtain a free hardcopy of this guide, please contact ATTRA - the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service at:

P.O. Box 3657  
Fayetteville, AR 72702  
1-800-346-9140, M-F 7am-7pm CST  
Fax: (406) 494-2905

### See Also

### Funding Opportunities

### ATTRA

Updated weekly and searchable by date and keyword

<http://www.attra.ncat.org/funding/>

## See Also

### Grants.gov

A partnership of Federal Agencies which directs grant seekers to over 1,000 programs offered across 26 Federal grant-making Agencies.

<http://www.grants.gov>

## See Also

### Agricultural Marketing Resource Center

Addresses marketing and business planning for U.S. agricultural producers

<http://www.agmrc.org/>

## See Also

### Building a Sustainable Business: A Guide to Developing a Business Plan for Farms and Rural Businesses

#### SARE

Business planning guide focuses on how real farm families set goals, research processing alternatives, determine potential markets and evaluate financing options.

<http://www.sare.org/publications/business.htm>

### 3. United States Department of Agriculture

- Farm Service Agency  
Farm Loan Programs

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=landing>

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to farmers and ranchers which can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, construct buildings and make farm improvements.

Contact a FSA Service Center to learn more about programs and information:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>

- Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

Programs support those in rural areas to develop and maintain public facilities and services, housing, businesses and utilities. Programs for agriculture include:

- Value-Added Producer Grant Program

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm>

- Small Minority Producer Grant Program

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/smpg/smpg.htm>

Local contacts may be found on USDA's Rural Development Web site at:

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd\\_map.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html)

- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education  
Funding Opportunities

<http://www.sare.org/grants/index.htm>

The Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program offers five different types of grants for funding of relevant agricultural research projects.

- Agricultural Marketing Service  
Farmers Market Funding Opportunities

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/Consortium/FundingOpportunities.htm>

- Cooperative State Research, Extension and Education Service (CSREES)  
Grant Search

<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/funding.cfm>

Search for funding opportunities by Emphasis (or topic) and Eligibility to find programs of interest.

### 4. Types of State Agricultural Finance Programs

National Council of State Agricultural Finance Programs.

<http://www.stateagfinance.org/types.html>

An overview of the funding programs offered by many state agricultural departments. The Directory of State Programs provides more detail and contacts:

<http://www.stateagfinance.org/directory.html>

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