

Funding Opportunities

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – NRCS

Financial & technical assistance to agricultural producers & non-industrial forest managers to address natural resource concerns.

- [Environmental Quality Incentives Program - Wisconsin | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [Small-Scale & Urban Agricultural Farming - WI | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [On-Farm Energy Initiative | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [EQIP Conservation Incentive Contracts | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

Community Agriculture Grants WI – NRCS

The purpose is to encourage and promote conservation planning and conservation practice demonstrations in urban, suburban, and other small-scale type agricultural operations.

- [FY23 Guidance](#)

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) – NRCS

This is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, & technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands. Through creative problem solving and innovation, CIG partners work to address our nation's water quality, air quality, soil health & wildlife habitat challenges, all while improving agricultural operations.

Projects can last up to 3 yrs. Project must start same year it is awarded. Multiple non-gov organizations can collaborate on project proposal but only one can be the applicant. There is a state & national level. National level projects support the early-stage development & piloting of new tools, practices & technologies to further natural resources conservation on private lands targeted towards national conservation priorities. State level projects do the same but are specific to state-identifies conservation priorities.

- [Conservation Innovation Grants - Wisconsin | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [NRCS-CIG FarmBill2018 Factsheet.pdf \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) – NRCS

This program can help you identify natural resource problems in your operation & provide technical & financial assistance to solve those problems or attain higher stewardship levels in an environmentally beneficial & cost-effective manner. This program offers annual payments for implementing practices on your land & operating & maintaining existing conservation efforts.

- [Conservation Stewardship Program - Wisconsin | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [Is CSP Right for Me \(usda.gov\)](#)

National Park Service – Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program (NPS-RTCA)

This is **not** a financial assistance or monetary grant opportunity; this is a collaborative partnership where NPS provide professional services to help you achieve your conservation & outdoor recreation project vision. The groundwork program has helped to create community gardens & urban ag programs (page 63 of second bullet).

- [NPS - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program Informational Webinar \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [National Park Service Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Community Assistance \(nps.gov\)](#)
- [Regional Program Manager Contacts - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)
- [Apply for Conservation or Outdoor Recreation Community Assistance - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE) – SARE

Thos grant programs focuses on research and /or education/extension. There are grants for graduate students, farmer/ranchers, youth educator, professional development, research & education, & partnerships.

- [NCR-SARE Grants - SARE North Central](#)

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – NRCS

This is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land. It encourages partners to join in efforts with producers to increase the restoration & sustainable use of soil, water, wildlife & related natural resources on regional or watershed scales. Partners help producers install & maintain conservation activities in selected project areas, & report on the benefits achieved.

- [Regional Conservation Partnership Program - Wisconsin | Natural Resources Conservation Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [NRCS-RCPP FarmBill2018 Factsheet.pdf \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [RCPP-Factsheet-2019 0.pdf \(usda.gov\)](#)

Rural Development Loans & Grants – USDA

Loans & grants to upgrade infrastructure in rural communities that will bring new jobs, clean water & fuel, & reliable electricity to people in nearly every state. Available for buildings that are for agriculture production.

- [Wisconsin | Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [Rural Development \(usda.gov\)](#)

Sand County Foundation

This is a program for high school teachers to apply for, to establish pollinator habitat with students. This funding is available for schools in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota & Wisconsin. funding is a \$1,000 cash grant to purchase materials for planting.

- [High School Pollinator Habitat Grants | Sand County Foundation](#)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Link to USDA informational booklet on different urban agriculture programs/agencies.

- [USDA Urban Agriculture Programs at a Glance \(farmers.gov\)](#)

Urban Ag & Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program (FY24) – USDA

Grants initiate or expand efforts of farmers, gardeners, citizens, government officials, schools, & other stakeholders in urban areas & suburbs. Projects may target areas of food access; educations; business & state-up costs for new farmers; & development of policies related to zoning & other needs for urban productions. There are 2 types of grants: planning activities & implementation activities. More information on these two types of grants can be found at the last link of the bulleted list below.

- [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production \(UAIP\) Competitive Grants Program Fiscal Year 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)
- [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Fact Sheet \(usda.gov\)](#)
- [FY2024 UAIP Competitive Grants Program FAQs | USDA](#)
- [Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants | USDA](#)

Wisconsin Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (WI RFSIP) - DATCP

Funds innovative projects designed to invest in processing & distribution capacity to build resilience across the **middle of the supply chain** & strengthen local & regional food systems. Project goal is to expand capacity & infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, & distribution of locally & regionally produced food products, including specialty crops, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, & other value-added food products.

- [DATCP Home Wisconsin Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program](#)

Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (WI LFPA) – WI Farmers Union

This program is strengthening food & agricultural supply chain resiliency, supporting WI farmers, & distributing fresh nutritious food to underserved communities. There are grants available for community partners & farmers/producers.

- [Community Partner — WI LFPA \(wilocalfood.org\)](#)
- [General 2 — WI LFPA \(wilocalfood.org\)](#)