

# Upcoming Grants for Farmers – Growing Season 2018



**New Farmers Grant** – Applications must be submitted and postmarked by January 26, 2018. It is anticipated that the grant awards will be announced in late spring / early summer 2018.

*This Grant Fund provides grants of up to \$50,000 to assist with up to 50% of eligible project costs and aims to help farmers improve farm profitability through:*

- *Expanding agricultural production or diversifying agricultural production*
- *Extending the agricultural season*
- *Advancing innovative agricultural techniques that increase sustainable practices such as organic farming, food safety, reduction of farm waste and/or water use.*

*Eligible project costs include the purchase of machinery, equipment, supplies, and the construction or improvement of agricultural structures. To qualify, the owners must be NYS residents and at least 18 years of age, farm needs to be reside in New York State, farm operation must be within the first ten years of having an ownership interest in any farm business, and the farm must have a minimum of \$10K in income from sales of products grown or raised on the farm. More than \$1 million was awarded to 27 new and early-stage farms across the state in last year through the New Farmers Grant Fund. See the list of previous awardees at: [https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/NewFarmersGF\\_ListPreviousAwardees.pdf](https://esd.ny.gov/sites/default/files/NewFarmersGF_ListPreviousAwardees.pdf)*

*Application materials, including detailed instructions and supporting documents at <https://esd.ny.gov/new-farmers-grant-fund-program>*



**Veterans Farmer Grant** - Applications must be submitted and postmarked by January 26, 2018. It is anticipated that the grant awards will be announced in late spring / early summer 2018.

*A new \$250K grant program, the New York State Veterans Farmer Grant Fund, may provide a minimum of \$15,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 for up to 50% of eligible project costs. The remaining 50% must be matched by the recipient. Eligible project costs are the same as for the New Farmers Grant Fund.*

*To qualify, at least 50 percent of the farm business must be owned, operated and controlled by a veteran, as defined in the program guidelines. The farm must also have a minimum of \$10K in farm income; however, this program is not limited to beginning farmers.*

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