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Value Added Producer Grant Program - USDA	Grants may be used for planning activities and for working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy.	Independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.	\$100,000 for Planning and \$300,000 for Working Capital Deadline: March 31, 2006** this funding may become available again in 2007.	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm or your state VAPG contact
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program (REEEP) - USDA	To make loans, loan guarantees, and grants to farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to purchase renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.	Agricultural producers and rural small businesses. To be eligible for grants, applicants must demonstrate financial need.	Applicants may qualify for a grant, a guaranteed loan, or a combination of both. Grants from \$1,500 - \$500,000. Loans from \$5,000 to \$10 million per project. Deadline: May 18, 2007	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html or contact your state Rural Development Office http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/oh/
Rural Economic Development Grants and Loans - USDA	Provides grant funds to electric and telephone utilities financed by the Utilities Programs, to promote sustainable rural economic development and job creation projects through the operation of a revolving loan fund program.	Utility Programs' electric or telephone utility which is required to operate and administer a revolving loan fund program using the grant proceeds. Recipients of the revolving loan funds can be non-profit entities or public bodies.	Varies	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rdg.htm or http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/redl.htm or contact your state Rural Development office http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/oh/
Rural Development Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program - USDA	Helps create jobs and stimulates rural economies by providing financial backing for rural businesses. This program provides guarantees up to 80 percent of a loan made by a commercial lender.	Virtually any legally organized entity, including a cooperative, corporation, partnership, trust or other profit or nonprofit entity, Indian tribe or Federally recognized tribal group, municipality, county, or other political subdivision of a State.	Max \$25 million for individuals Max \$40 million for cooperatives	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/b&i_gar.htm Applications must be made through your state office http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/oh/
Rural Development Intermediary Relending Program - USDA	To finance business facilities and community development projects in rural areas. Intermediaries re-lend funds to ultimate recipients for business facilities or community development.	Intermediaries may be private non-profit corporations, public agencies, Indian groups, or cooperatives. Ultimate recipients may be private or public organizations or individuals. Both intermediaries and ultimate recipients must be unable to obtain the proposed loan elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms.	Varies	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/irp.htm Applications must be made through your state office http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/oh/

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Rural Development Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) - USDA	To finance and facilitate development of small and emerging private business enterprises located in rural areas. The public bodies, private nonprofit corporations and federally recognized Indian tribes receive the grant to assist a business. GRANT FUNDS DO NOT GO DIRECTLY TO THE BUSINESS.	Public bodies (including incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, townships, counties, States, authorities, districts), private nonprofit corporations, and Indian Tribes on Federal and State reservations. The small and emerging businesses to be assisted must have less than 50 new employees and less than \$1 million in gross annual revenues.	Varies	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbeg.htm Applications can be obtained and made through your state office http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/oh/
Rural Development Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) - USDA	To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities by making grants to pay costs of providing economic planning for rural communities, technical assistance for rural businesses, or training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials.	Public bodies (including incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, townships, counties, States, authorities, districts), nonprofit corporations, Indian tribes, or cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents.	Max of \$1.5 million. The size of grants approved is limited by the amount of program funds available. Most are \$50,000 or less.	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbog.htm Applications can be obtained and made through your state office http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/oh/
Direct and Guaranteed Farm Ownership and Operating Loans - FSA	FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.	Family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender.	Direct - Max of \$200,000 Guaranteed - Max of \$852,000	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/datl/default.htm Or contact your local FSA office
Down Payment Farm Ownership Program - FSA	Assists beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase a farm or ranch. This program also provides a means for retiring farmers and ranchers to transfer their land to a future generation.	A beginning farmer or rancher who has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years and meets the loan eligibility requirements.	Lesser of: 40% purchase price or appraised value	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/begloan05.htm Or contact your local FSA office
Loans for Socially Disadvantaged Persons - FSA	Guarantees loans to approved socially disadvantaged applicants to buy and operate family-size farms and ranches.	A socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer, rancher, or agricultural producer including women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.	Direct Farm Ownership and Operating Loan amounts apply.	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts/html/sdaloan05.htm Or contact your local FSA office

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Youth Loans - FSA	FSA makes loans to individual rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA, and similar organizations.	Citizen of the United States be between 10 and 20 years old; live in a town of less than 10,000 people; be unable to obtain a loan from other sources; and conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.	Max \$5,000	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafil/youthloans.htm Or contact your local FSA office
Basic 7(a) Loan Guaranty - SBA	Guaranteed loans made to small businesses by lenders. Can be used for most sound business purposes including working capital, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, land and building, etc.	Qualified small businesses who may not be eligible for business loans through normal lending channels.	Max of \$2 million	http://sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/7a.html
Certified Development Company 504 Loan Program - SBA	Provides growing businesses with long-term, fixed-rate financing for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, etc.	Small for-profit businesses; job creation and retention criteria.	Max of \$4 million	http://sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/cdc504.html
Microloan Program - SBA	Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns.	Funds available to nonprofit (community based) lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers.	Max of \$35,000	http://sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/microloans.html
WKKF Food Systems and Rural Development Grant - Kellogg Foundation	Efforts that lead to a safe, wholesome food supply while ensuring that food production and food-related business systems are economically viable, environmentally sensitive, sustainable long-term, and socially responsible. The rural development work supports comprehensive, collaborative, and integrative efforts of people, organizations, and institutions.	Organization or institution, as well as the purpose of the proposed project, must qualify under regulations of the United States Internal Revenue Service.		WKKF Web link
Farm Credit Services of Mid America Equipment Loan	Funding to purchase equipment or make capital improvements.	Must be a farm producer, own agricultural land, or be engaged in the production of agricultural products and must be located in IN, TN, KY (except Jackson Purchase area), Ohio (except Luc, Wo, Hanc, Ott, Sand, Sen, Craw, Wyan and Marion co.)	Based on credit need and approval.	https://www.e-farmcredit.com/default.aspx?4-87

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Farm Credit Services of Mid America Operating Loan	Funding to purchase day-to-day farming operation needs including crops, labor, family living expenses, or livestock purchases.	Must be a farm producer, own agricultural land, or be engaged in the production of agricultural products and must be located in IN, TN, KY (except Jackson Purchase area), Ohio (except Luc, Wo, Hancock, Ott, Sand, Sen, Craw, Wyan and Marion co.)	Based on credit need and approval.	https://www.e-farmcredit.com/default.aspx?4-86
Farm Credit Services of Mid America Real Estate Loan	Funding to purchase a farm, refinance a current mortgage, expanding or making long-term improvements on your farm.	Must be a farm producer, own agricultural land, or be engaged in the production of agricultural products located in FCS geographical territory (see above).	Based on credit need and approval.	https://www.e-farmcredit.com/default.aspx?4-88
Farm Credit Services of Mid America Business Ventures Loan	Loans and leases for a business or other venture not directly related to agriculture (i.e. purchasing a veterinary clinic, small manufacturing facility, restaurant). Financing also available for farm processing, servicing, and marketing related enterprises.	Full or part-time farmers located in FCS geographical territory (see above).	Based on creditworthiness and total value of ag assets.	https://www.e-farmcredit.com/default.aspx?4-140
AgCredit Financial Services and Loans	Member-owned ag lending cooperative servicing agriculturally-related enterprises for real estate, farm improvement, equipment, and operating loans.	Full-time farmers, part-time farmers, and businesses which process or market ag products and live in one of 18 counties serviced by the 14 Ohio offices.	Based on credit need and approval.	http://home.agcredit.net Or contact your local AgCredit office
AgCredit Young, Beginning and Small Farmer Financing Program	Provide a means to offer constructive financing and services to young, beginning, and small farmers for on-going needs.	35 or younger, or have less than 10 years farming experience, or normally generate less than \$250,000 in annual gross sales of ag products.	Based on credit need and approval.	http://home.agcredit.net/young%20beginning%20small.aspx Or contact your local AgCredit office

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<p>Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation</p>	<p>Requests may be made for funding for the promotion of a sustainable agricultural and food system that works with farmers and consumers on issues involving sustainable agriculture and community food security; and counter the actions of public and private sector institutions and corporations that further the concentration of food production and the industrialization of agriculture.</p>	<p>Only tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. No requests will be accepted for endowments, capital construction, general fundraising, deficit financing, scholarships, fellowships, loans or grants to individuals, research, conferences, seminars, media events, workshops, college or university-based programs, television, or media programming development.</p>	<p>There are no amount guidelines and pre-proposals are accepted year round. 2006 range of funded projects was \$10,000 - \$60,000</p>	<p>http://www.noyes.org</p>