

Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program

American Rescue Plan Act



Overview

Section 1006 of the Inflation Reduction Act, as amended by Section 22007 of the American Rescue Plan Act includes provisions for USDA to ensure underserved producers have resources, tools, programs, and technical support they need to succeed. As part of Section 1006, as amended, USDA launched the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access (Increasing Land Access) Program to fund cooperative agreements or grants for projects that help move underserved producers from surviving to thriving. The program is administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency and will help underserved producers by increasing land, capital, and market access.

Land access is critical to the success of agriculture. Underserved producers have not received the amount of specialized technical support that would benefit the launch, growth, resilience, and success of their agricultural enterprises. The Increasing Land Access Program is intended to address this problem by increasing access to farm ownership opportunities, increasing access and improving results for those with heirs' property or fractionated land, increasing access to markets and capital that affect the ability to access land, and increasing land ownership, land succession, and agricultural business planning.

Who is Eligible?

Funding is available to various government entities from local to Tribal, not-for-profit educational institutions, and non-profit organizations.

The non-profit organizations can include Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), foundations, and Tribal financial institutions with a 501c3 status.

Individuals, non-domestic entities, and private, for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply to this funding opportunity.

What projects are being considered?

Projects must focus on strengthening land access with at least one of the following related areas of concern:

- Capital access concerns that affect the ability to access land.
- Market access concerns that affect the ability to access land.
- A combination of one or more of land, capital, and market access concerns.

Projects should benefit underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners, including veterans, limited resource producers, beginning farmers and ranchers and farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners living in high poverty areas. Priority points will be awarded to projects that focus on increasing land access, mitigating and preventing land loss, providing specialized project design and focus to address the challenges with land access, innovative ways to connect available land to underserved producers who have challenges in accessing land, or restore lands into the hands underserved producers.

How to Apply

The agreements will be for up to five years and may be local, state, regional, or national in scope. Due to the unique nature of land access among Tribal communities, Tribal projects may be in all scopes.

Eligible applicants can apply through [grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants).

Eligible entities must submit their applications by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on October 28, 2022. USDA anticipates making selections by late fall 2022 and awarding funds by January 2023.

Learn More

USDA has a historic commitment to ensure equity across all of its policies and activities. To this end, USDA seeks to improve access to programs and services for all stakeholders and rural communities, especially underserved farmers, ranchers and forest landowners and operators. More information is available at: www.usda.gov/equity.

