



## 2025 Upper Shore Micro Ag Grant Overview

### Overview

Kent County Economic and Tourism Development, in partnership with the Upper Shore Regional Council, offers grant funding to agricultural businesses operating within Kent County, Maryland. This program is designed to support the development, expansion, and coordination of agricultural enterprises and initiatives that directly benefit Kent County and, where applicable, the broader tri-county region. Eligible businesses can use grant funding to expand, diversify, improve marketing efforts, or conduct agricultural research initiatives.

Grant requests ranging from \$2,500 up to a maximum of \$10,000 will be considered on a competitive basis.

Priority will be given to projects that:

1. Provide clear benefits to the Kent County agricultural community,
2. Include collaboration between two or more businesses,
3. Involve new or emerging markets, or
4. Promote a “Buy Local” campaign.

Eligible applicants and projects that meet all grant requirements and not previously awarded funding may be considered and/or given priority over previously awarded applicants.

Applications are due by 5 pm on February 28, 2025. Award recipients will be announced in late April to early May. Grants are provided on a reimbursement basis, requiring submission of invoices or receipts. Reimbursement requests must be submitted by October 31, 2025.

### Eligible Applicants

Applicants must operate an agricultural business based in Kent County, Maryland and be actively engaged in farming in the county in one or more of the following categories:

- Crop and/or livestock production;
- Agricultural product processing;
- Aquaculture
- Ag Cooperative; or
- Timber production or processing.

### Eligible Projects

Grant funding can be used for the following purposes:

- Strategic marketing campaigns;
- Technology innovation or implementation to improve efficiency;
- Capital improvements for business expansion or value-added production within Kent County;
- Research projects with a local focus; or
- Animal welfare improvements.

### Required Documentation

To apply, applicants must submit:

- Fully completed and signed application;
- Proof of good standing with licensing body (if required);
- Completed and signed W9 (fillable PDF can be found at [www.kentcounty.com/aggrant](http://www.kentcounty.com/aggrant))

### **Application Submittal Date and Deadline**

Applications open on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 8 am**. The **DEADLINE** to apply is **5 pm Friday, February 28, 2025**.

### **Application Review Process**

Applications will be reviewed in March and April by a grant review committee. Applicants will receive a confirmation email upon submission and will be contacted via email if their application is selected for funding.

### **Reimbursement Request**

Grantees must submit a reimbursement request showing proof of expenses by **October 31, 2025**. Expenses incurred on the project starting in October 2024 may be retroactively reimbursed. Reimbursement request forms are available at [www.kentcounty.com/aggrant](http://www.kentcounty.com/aggrant).

### **Grant Reporting**

Grantees are required to submit a final grant report to Kent County Economic and Tourism Development by **October 31, 2025**. Reporting templates can be found at [www.kentcounty.com/aggrant](http://www.kentcounty.com/aggrant)

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