ARPA Ag Infrastructure Grant Program -- \$7.5M

The intent of the Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program is to advance Montana's agricultural industry through targeted investments in value-added agriculture projects across the state. Grants will assist with the development of innovative agricultural business improvements to keep pace with a transforming agricultural industry, support jobs, and expand business opportunities.

Awards equal to or less than \$150,000 must be matched at \$1 to \$1
Awards from \$150,001 to \$300,000 must be matched at \$2 to \$1
Awards from \$300,001 to \$450,000 must be matched at \$3 to \$1
(11 projects)

Recommended for Funding:

30 projects totaling \$7,872,418.00

Bear Paw Meats -- \$150,000

Expansion, State Inspected Slaughter Floor Renovations to Increase Capacity

Big Sandy Organics -- \$400,000

Expansion, Food Manufacturing Facility

Big Sky Processing, LLC -- **\$150,000**New USDA Retail/Slaughter in Central Montana

Blue Creek Marbled Meat Co -- \$300,000

New, Meat Slaughter Facility under Construction for State/USDA Inspection

BMB Ventures, LLC dba Rawhide Meats -- \$30,286

Expansion, Portioning Vacuum Filler Equipment. State Inspected, scheduled for USDA Inspection.

Butcher Block Specialties -- **\$140,000**

Expansion, Custom Exempt Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades

Commercial Lynks Inc. -- \$277,972

Expansion, Pulse Crop Cleaning, Sorting, Splitting, and Bagging Equipment

Eastern Montana Meats, LLC -- \$450,000

Expansion, USDA Inspected Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades

Evergood Commodities Ltd -- \$450,000

New, Installation of Pea and Lentil Splitting Plant

Hamilton Packing Company -- \$450,000

Expansion, State Inspected Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades, Existing Retail

IND HEMP, LLC -- \$450,000

Expansion, Hemp Grain and Hemp Fiber Processing Line

Lake County Community Development Corporation -- \$79,300

Delivering Montana Sourced Value-Added Products for Montana Schools

Madison Food Park LLC -- \$300,000

New, Phase 1 Cheese Manufacturing & Processing Facility

Meats of Montana -- **\$150,000**USDA Inspected Retail Storefront Expansion at Pioneer Meats, Inc

Montana Gluten Free Processors -- \$150,000 Expansion, Equipment to Increase Processing Line Performance

Montana Milling -- **\$450,000**Expansion, Dehulling, Decortication and Protein Isolate Extraction

Montana Premier Protein -- \$450,000 New Pulse Crop Milling Facility

Nguyen Holdings, Inc dba M&S Meats -- \$450,000 New, USDA Inspected Meat Processing Facility; Existing Retail

OCC Legacy Cuts -- **\$450,000**Expansion, USDA/Organic Certified Meat Processing Facility

Old Salt Co-op -- **\$150,000**Direct to Consumer Meat Marketing + Proposed Slaughter Facility

Pekovitch Meats LLC -- **\$45,000**Expansion, Custom Exempt Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades

Prairie Meats LLC -- **\$150,000**Expansion, Custom Exempt Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades

Primitive Meats LLC -- **\$150,000**Expansion, Custom Exempt Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades

Pure Montana Meats -- **\$200,000** Expansion, USDA Inspected Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades

S Ranch Meats, LLC -- **\$102,945**Expansion, USDA Inspected Meat Processing Equipment Upgrades

Sidney Sugars Inc. -- **\$450,000**New Natural Gas Boiler Conversion

Superior Meats, Inc. -- **\$150,000**Automated Packaging Equipment and Composting System, State Inspected

The Redwood Group -- **\$450,000**New Import/Export Facility at The Port of Northern Montana

Timeless Seeds, Inc. -- **\$149,900**Food Processing, Equipment Upgrade to Maintain Food Safety Certification

Western Montana Growers Cooperative -- \$147,015

Expansion to Support Increased Local Food Distribution