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# Interested in Applying for APHIS Funding Opportunities? Here's How to Get Ready Now!

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APHIS periodically offers competitive funding opportunities and solicits project proposals from eligible organizations. Prospective applicants can complete the steps below *at any time* so they're ready to apply when the next funding opportunity is announced. If you plan to apply for funding in the future, we suggest that you address these steps now to avoid last-minute surprises or obstacles in the application process.

1. **Register with System for Award Management (SAM):** Organizations who wish to apply for funding are required to be registered with SAM. Instructions for registering with SAM are available at [Register With SAM](#). Please allow at least 10 business days after you submit your registration for it to become active in SAM plus at least an additional 24 hours for your registration to become available in other government systems. You can register in SAM any time, and entities interested in applying for funding should register now to avoid any future delays associated with mandatory SAM registration.
2. **Create a Login.gov Account:** All applicants must have a [Login.gov](#) Account to submit proposals for AMR Dashboard funding opportunities. Login.gov is the system used by USDA agencies to enable customers to obtain accounts for

accessing USDA Web applications and services via the Internet safely and securely. Go to the [Login.gov](https://login.gov) website and select 'Create Account' to get started.

3. **Establish an ezFedGrants (eFG) Account:** Applicants must have an active account in the USDA [ezFedGrants](#) system to submit their application for APHIS funding. The ezFedGrants system requires each applicant to have a minimum of at least one Grants Administrative Officer (GAO) and one Signatory Official (SO). We recommend identifying these individuals prior to submitting proposals to help speed up the application process. For help with the USDA ezFedGrants system, contact the ezFedGrants help desk at [ezFedGrants@cfo.usda.gov](mailto:ezFedGrants@cfo.usda.gov).

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