



## APHIS Funding Opportunities: Are You Ready to Apply?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) offers competitive funding opportunities to eligible organizations at various times throughout the year. If you're thinking about applying, you should complete the steps below to make sure you're ready to go when the next funding opportunity is announced. Taking these steps now will help you avoid last-minute surprises or obstacles in the application process.

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### 1. Register with the System for Award Management (SAM).

Organizations and individuals who wish to apply for funding must register with SAM. To get started, go to [grants.gov](https://grants.gov), click on the Applicants tab, and choose the appropriate link under Get Registered. Please be aware that it can take up to 10 business days for your registration to become active in SAM and an additional 24 hours or more for your registration to become available in other government systems. You can register in SAM anytime. We recommend doing it now to avoid any delays when applying for future funding opportunities.



### 2. Create a USDA eAuthentication (eAuth) Account.

All applicants must have a level 2 USDA eAuth account to apply for funding from APHIS. An eAuth account allows you to access secure USDA web applications and services online. Please note that USDA will only accept eAuth accounts from individuals. Go to [eauth.usda.gov](https://eauth.usda.gov) and select Create Account to get started. If you need help with existing eAuth accounts or passwords, go to [eauth.usda.gov](https://eauth.usda.gov) and select Help.

**3. Establish an ezFedGrants Account.** Applicants must have an active account in USDA's ezFedGrants system to submit a funding application. This includes listing at least one Grants Administrative Officer and one Signatory Official for your organization. We recommend identifying these individuals in ezFedGrants before submitting an application to help speed up the process. For help with the ezFedGrants system, contact the help desk at [ezFedGrants.helpdesk@usda.gov](mailto:ezFedGrants.helpdesk@usda.gov).

### Learn More

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