

# Let's Get Started!

## Steps to Apply for AMS LAMP Grants



### Register on SAM.gov - FREE

System for Awards Management (SAM) registration is required for your business to access federal grant opportunities and be awarded funding. Register at least **1 month before the grant application deadline**. Visit these [Quick Start Guides](#) for additional assistance.

### Obtain Your Organization's UEI - FREE

Once you have an active SAM.gov account, you can obtain your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). You will need a UEI to apply for any of these grants. The process to receive a UEI can take **up to 2 weeks**. Visit this [Quick Start Guide](#) for additional assistance.



### Creating Your Grants.gov Profile - FREE

You will also need to create your Grants.gov profile and register your Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR).

These links provide additional assistance:

- [Register with Grants.gov](#)
- [Introduction to Grants Video Series](#)
- [More Helpful Videos](#)



### Sign Up for Updates - FREE

Visit this [webpage](#) and enter your email address to receive updates on USDA AMS opportunities.



### Search for Announcements

- Visit <https://www.grants.gov/search-grants>
- Under Opportunity Status: select forecasted and posted
- Under Funding Instruments: select grants
- Under Eligibility: select the category that best fits your business
- Under Category: select Agriculture
- See what opportunities are open and available to you!



### Get Ready to Learn!

- Learn the [AMS Grants Division General Terms and Conditions](#).
- Read the [RFA and guidance materials](#) provided by USDA AMS.
- Find additional [Grant Technical Assistance Resources](#).



## Other Helpful Resources

[Grant Writing Basics](#)

[How to Build Your Budget Narrative](#)

[Grant Proofreading Tips!](#)

