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Regional Food Business Center (RFBC) Program	VS.	Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) Program
Rolling awards starting February 2024. Maximum 2-year projects to be completed within 6 months of the Agreement end date (estimated July 2028).	**TIMELINE**	States and Territories Awarded May 25, 2023 (one time). States will award grants starting May 2024. All activities must be completed by May 2027.
Business Builder Subawards: up to $100,000 per entity	**AWARD AMOUNT**	Infrastructure Grants (subawards): $100,000 - $3,000,000 Equipment-Only Grants (subawards): $10,000 - $100,000
Regional Food Business Center Lead Cooperator	**LEAD ORGANIZATION**	State Department of Agriculture
Funding provided directly to a farm or food business to strengthen viability and expand market access. Funding is for specific physical, technical, or logistical capacity needs.	**PROGRAM FOCUS**	Funding provided to States and territories to competitively subaward grants. Funding is for projects that support infrastructure in the middle of the supply chain to increase market opportunities for local and regional producers.
Regionally-based definitions of small and mid-sized farm and food businesses.	**SECTORS SUPPORTED**	"Middle of the supply chain" for local and regional agricultural crops and products meant for human consumption (excluding meat and poultry).
Business planning, feasibility studies, staff time, value chain coordination, product development, brand collateral, equipment (with specific conditions and prior approval), specialized consulting, etc.	**ACTIVITIES**	Activities that expand capacity and infrastructure for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, or distribution of targeted agricultural products. State-led supply chain coordination and technical support.
No match requirement. An entity may receive unlimited technical assistance but may only receive a maximum of $100,000 in the form of Business Builder Subawards.	**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**	Will fund new construction, delivery vehicles, facility upgrades, term-staff. Infrastructure Grants have a 50% match requirement. Equipment-Only Grants have NO match requirement.

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