



**Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
INDIANA LIVESTOCK MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT
PROGRAM**

Purpose

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's (ISDA) vision is to make Indiana a world leader in innovation and commercialization of food, fuel and fiber production. ISDA works to promote and nurture the economic development of the agricultural sector, especially the livestock industry. The livestock industry is vital to the agricultural economy of Indiana, as it generated \$7.3 billion in economic output, created 38,219 jobs and produced \$298 million in tax receipts in 2012. The livestock sector is also the largest consumer for Indiana's corn and soybean products.

The Indiana Legislature recognizes the economic importance of livestock to Indiana and delegated the duty of promoting livestock to ISDA. According to Indiana Code, ISDA shall aid, encourage, foster, and promote the development and improvement of the livestock industry throughout Indiana.

Therefore, ISDA is looking for project proposals for value-added feasibility studies, research projects, market development, or other projects that encourage the development of business and industry related to livestock production, processing and distribution.

Eligibility

Non-profit organizations, commissions, and associations with 501(c) status are eligible to apply for this grant. These entities must be working to develop markets for the livestock industry in Indiana. Livestock should include the following:

- (1) Beef cattle, dairy cattle, and other animals of the bovine species
- (2) Swine and other animals of the porcine species
- (3) Sheep and other members of the ovine species
- (4) Horses, mules, burros, asses, and other animals of the equine species
- (5) Goats and other members of the caprine species
- (6) Poultry and other birds of the avian species
- (7) Ostriches, rhea, emus, and other members of the ratite species
- (8) Camels, llamas, and other members of the camelid species
- (9) Farm raised deer, elk, moose, and other members of the cervidae species
- (10) Bison
- (11) Aquatic animals that are the subject of aquaculture
- (12) Rabbits

Eligible Activities

The grant will reimburse up to 50 percent of activities and projects for the development of business and industry related to livestock production, processing and distribution. This includes feasibility studies, research projects, market development or other projects related to the livestock industry in Indiana.

Timeline

October 1, 2014: Applications open

December 1, 2014: Grant applications are due to ISDA

February 15, 2015: Announcement of grant recipients

December 31, 2015: Completion of the grant program

50% of the award will be provided once a fully signed grant agreement is returned to the recipient and the remaining 50% will be distributed after ISDA receives the final report within 30 day after the completion of the project/event.

Project Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by an internal committee established by ISDA. Using the recommendations of the committee, applications will be submitted to ISDA's Director, who will make the final determination.

Criteria for Selection

- Project has clear identifiable goals and demonstrates tangible benefits for the livestock industry segment and for Indiana's overall food and agriculture economy.
- Project has clear criteria by which to evaluate the success of the project. Goals and expected outcomes are verifiable, measurable and realistic for the scope of the project.
- Project has a high probability of achieving its goals.
- Project has strong industry support.
- Project will benefit many companies in the industry sector.
- How will ISDA be publicized or recognized for providing funds to the project?
- The budget is complete and detailed.

Application Process

Applications (please see below for application form) must be **submitted via e-mail**. A detailed budget of the project/event must be attached and include all anticipated expenses for the event. If this project/event was held previously, please attach the most recent final expense report.

****We will contact you via email within 72 hours to confirm we received your application****

Please submit applications to:

Kimmi Devaney
Livestock Program Manager
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
KDevaney@isda.in.gov
Phone: 317-450-3570

A completed vendor information form must be submitted with the completed application or on file with ISDA prior to awards being made.

Reporting Requirements

Awardees must submit a final report to ISDA within 30 days of the completion of the project. The final report form will contain copies of any invoices and receipts for expenses. Final reports should also contain information on the effectiveness of this grant money, any reports or documents developed from the grant funds and the overall impact of the grant money.

APPLICATION COVER SHEET
ISDA Livestock Market Development Grant Program

Name of Organization:

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Federal Tax ID #

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

Event or Project:

Name of Event/Project: _____

Species of Livestock _____

Total Cost of Event/Project Cost: _____ **Funding Request:** _____

Are you a first time applicant: ___Yes ___No

Number of years this event/project has been funded by ISDA: _____

Scope – What is the impact of this event/project?

_____ **County** _____ **State** _____ **Multi-State Region** _____ **National**

Other: _____

Summary – Describe the event/project (20 points):

Goals – List the goals of the event/project (20 points):

Economic Value – How will the project encourage the development of Indiana Livestock Industry? (50 points)

Use of Funds – Describe how funds will be used (20 points):

Benefits – Explain how this project/event will benefit the livestock industry of Indiana (50 points):

Process- Indicate what methods and criteria will be used to track the success of the proposed event/project (50 points):

Please describe how ISDA will be recognized for providing funds for the project (25 points)

Detailed Budget – A budget must be attached and include all anticipated expenses for the event. If this event/project was held previously, please attach the most recent final expense report (40 points):

Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct and that I am legally authorized to sign and submit this application on behalf of this organization, which is legally eligible to enter into a grant contract

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____ **Date:** _____