



# South Dakota Coronavirus Relief Fund Meat Processing Capacity Grant

## Eligibility:

Grants are available to meat processors located in South Dakota with less than 60 employees meeting one of the following criteria:

- State inspected “equal to” slaughter and/or processing plants
- Licensed custom-exempt slaughter plants, or
- Very small federally inspected plants

The applicant understands that reimbursement amounts are based upon the applicable and reasonable project cost(s) provided by the applicant. Processor eligible expenses must make an immediate impact on the State’s capacity to process or store South Dakota raised protein, including beef, pork, poultry, lamb, and bison.

Reimbursements will require actual/copies of receipts, expenses, or invoices.

## Application Process:

Applications are due May 01, 2021, and should include:

1. List of equipment or improvements with estimated cost(s)
2. Description of equipment or upgrade(s)
3. Description of how this will improve the efficiency of processing activities and/or increase volume

Awards will be announced on May 25, 2021

## Upon Approval of Application:

1. Applicant should complete planned improvement, purchase equipment, etc.
2. Once improvement is complete, applicant may submit for reimbursement. Reimbursement requires:
  - Actual/copies of receipts, expenses, or invoices
  - Complete IRS W9 form

## Improvements May Include, But Are Not Limited to:

- Coolers/Freezers
- Contractor costs (plumbing, draining, venting, electrical work)
- Portion cutters
- Processing equipment (smoking units, sausage stuffer, etc.)
- Slaughter equipment (cradles, saws, hooks, scalders, sinks, etc.)
- Equipment or facilities to hold livestock (fences, gates, chutes, etc.)

***Expenses not eligible for reimbursement include: Salaries, fringe, supplies, or parts***