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Q: What is the Hudson Valley Farm Relief Fund?

A: The Hudson Valley Farm Relief Fund is a rapid response fund that is being administered by the Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming. The purpose of this fund is to provide financial support to Hudson Valley farms that have been directly impacted by the freezing of USDA-sourced grants.

Q: Why was the Hudson Valley Farm Relief Fund created?

A: We know what a critical time this is for farmers to have access to capital, with the growing season beginning and plans set in motion based on budgets created months ago. This is a terrible time to lose much-needed resources that would strengthen our regional food system for years to come. Although not by any means a replacement, this relief fund is meant to assist farmers in the short term and to support our regional food system.

Q: Who is eligible for the Relief Fund?

A: Applicants must be farm businesses that are operating in one of the following New York counties: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan, or Westchester. Farms must also demonstrate that money they had a reasonable expectation of receiving is not currently available because of the freezing and/or termination of USDA funds.

Q: When is the application deadline?

A: Monday, April 21, 2025

Q: How much money will my farm receive?

A: **Every farm who applies and meets the application requirements will receive funds.** The exact amount will be determined by the total amount available at the end of the fundraising sprint (4/30/25), the total number of qualified farm applicants, and the total amount of financial relief requested. We are committed to distributing funds as equitably as possible.

Q: Are nonprofits eligible?

A: Yes, but only those that operate farms. Service provider organizations are not eligible.

Q: Do I have to use this money to do what I intended to do with the USDA money?

A: No. Once awarded, each farm is responsible for using this funding in the most impactful way for their business. Farms will report to Glynwood by January 2026 how they used these relief funds.

Q: I expected to receive some funding though a USDA sourced opportunity but I don't have an exact dollar amount. Can I still apply?

A: No. Farms need documentation that details the amount they were expecting to receive from the USDA or through a program funded through the USDA.

Q: I think some of the funding I lost is from the USDA but I'm not 100% sure. What should I do?

A: If you've lost funding but are not completely certain whether it was from the USDA, you can reach out to us. Below is a list of programs that relied upon funding from the USDA whose payments have **in some cases** been paused or terminated. This is neither a comprehensive nor definitive list of programs that have been affected by the federal funding freeze.

- Cornell Cooperative Extension Beginning Farm Mentorship Program
- Partnership for Climate Smart Commodities
- GrowNYC wholesale training program
- NRCS programs, including:
    - Equity in Conservation Outreach Cooperative Agreements
    - CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)
    - EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)
    - RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)
    - ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)
    - CTA (Conservation Technical Assistance)
    - USDA programs, including:
    - REAP (Rural Energy for America Program)
    - LFPA (Local Food Purchase Assistance)

- 2501 (Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program)
- MASC (Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops)
- BFRDP (Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program)
- FMPP (Farmers Market Promotion Program)
- OMD (Organic Marketing Development)
- ELAP (Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish)
- FLSP (Farm Labor Stabilization and Protection Pilot Program)

Q: Who should I contact if I have remaining questions about the Hudson Valley Farm Relief Fund?

A: You can email Megan Larmer at mlarmer@glynwood.org.