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## **Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program (PRS) Funding Opportunity**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Mangilao, GU October 14, 2021--The Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Development Services (ADS) would like inform the public about the Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program (PRS) funding opportunity, distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS).

USDA has announced a Request for Application (RFA) for those interested in applying.

The PRS Grant Program will assist small businesses in certain commodity areas, including specialty crop producers, shellfish farming, finfish farming, aquaculture, and apiculture; specialty crop, meat, and other processors; distributors; and farmers markets. Small businesses and nonprofits in these industries can apply for a grant to cover COVID-related expenses such as workplace safety measures (e.g., personal protective equipment (PPE), retrofitting facilities for worker and consumer safety, shifting to online sales platforms, worker housing, and medical costs. The minimum funding request is \$1,500 and the maximum funding request is \$20,000.

This first round of PRS grant funding is open to certain small producers, food processors and distributors, and farmers markets. Additional information may also be accessed to verify eligibility for PRS funding at the link provided below.

Please visit: <https://usda-prs.grantsolutions.gov/usda> for eligibility verification, DUNS registration, and application steps. The application period closes at 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time on November 22, 2021.

"We want to help the small businesses in our community by sharing this information. This may not be our program, but we can help people by connecting them to the resources," states Department of Agriculture Director Chelsa Muna-Brecht.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service at (301) 238-5550 or email [usda.ams.prs@grantsolutions.gov](mailto:usda.ams.prs@grantsolutions.gov).

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