Resources for Farmer Veteran Coalition Members during the COVID-19 Emergency

*American Farmland Trust*

**How they can help:** The fund will award eligible farmers with cash grants of up to $1,000 each to help them weather the current storm of market disruptions caused by the COVID-19 crisis. The initial focus will be on farms that sell at farmers markets or to restaurants, caterers, schools, stores, or makers who use farm products. That focus could change over time as the negative impacts of the crisis become more widespread within U.S. agriculture.

**Apply Here:** [https://farmland.org/farmer-relief-fund/](https://farmland.org/farmer-relief-fund/)

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**How they can help:** Emergency Mini Grants for Livestock and Poultry Farmers will award $500 on a rolling basis until funding is depleted. Eligible applicants own or are employed by a farm that raises livestock and/or poultry and express a commitment to raising their animals using humane management practices. Farmers can request mini-grants for materials, services or equipment that would help them to transition to an online or alternative sales strategy or for other projects that would help their farm business to maintain sales during this crisis.

**Apply Here:** [https://foodanimalconcernstrust.org/minigrants?mc_cid=2df0db0f32&mc_eid=dc6673d20e](https://foodanimalconcernstrust.org/minigrants?mc_cid=2df0db0f32&mc_eid=dc6673d20e)

*KIVA*

**How they can help:** KIVA is offering zero-interest, zero-fee loans. As a result of COVID-19, the KIVA US program has expanded to 6-month grace with a $15,000.00 loan maximum. This is a great opportunity to ensure your business’ doors stay open even in tough economic times.

**Apply Here:** [https://www.kiva.org/borrow](https://www.kiva.org/borrow)

*Small Business Administration*

**How they can help #1:** The SBA is offering the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), which offers emergency grants of up to $10,000 in cash to businesses that are losing revenue amid the coronavirus pandemic. This now includes farms.

**Apply Here:** [https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19](https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19)

**How they can help #2:** Paycheck Protection Program has been replenished and provides forgivable loans to small businesses (including farmers) to keep their workers on the payroll. Apply quickly! The previous bill’s funding ran out in less than two weeks. You can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm
Credit System institution that is participating. You should consult with your local lender as to whether it is participating in the program.

Details Here: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program


Food and Nutrition Service

How they can help: Offering flexibilities and contingencies in the following existing programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and National School Lunch and Breakfast programs. Even if you have not qualified for SNAP in the past, you may qualify now.


Farm Service Agency

How they can help: The FSA offers various disaster Assistance Programs that help with loss in livestock, honeybees, farm-raised fish, crops and trees. FSA has made changes to farm loan, disaster, conservation and safety net programs to make it easier for customers to conduct business. This includes relaxing the farm loan-making process, servicing direct loans, and servicing guaranteed loans.


Rural Development

How they can help: USDA Rural Development has taken a number of immediate actions to help rural residents, businesses and communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. There are direct and immediate loans, utilities services, and business cooperative services.


Conservation Reserve Program

How they can help: More than 3.4 million acres selected for the general signup Conservation Reserve Program. Through CRP, farmers and ranchers receive an annual rental payment for establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland.

Risk Management Agency

How they can help: RMA is authorizing additional flexibilities due to coronavirus while continuing to support producers, working through Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to deliver services, including processing policies, claims and agreements. These flexibilities include: enabling producers to send notifications and reports electronically, extending the date for production reports and providing additional time and deferring interest on premium and other payments.


*The Independence Fund

Who they help: Veterans and caregivers who have been served by The Independence Fund in the past, or are currently involved in one of our programs, and have emergent needs.

How they can help: mortgage/rent, utilities, childcare, transportation services, home WiFi services, household cleaning and upkeep, grocery and medical product delivery and streaming services for work and learning.

How to apply: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOovKlj9KrX7IDHNnxuAHzs5WMBJrxTzJus2_X0dQAF8RQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR00SOONKVqIDZH16-DusWu6pQaFtaXeE_cguqtCslCOMSxxNCSJMOsFqXo

* Facebook Small Business Grants Program

How they can help: Facebook has committed to offering up to 30,000 small businesses $100 million in cash grants and Facebook advertising credits.

See Details Here: https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grant

* Hootsuite, the social media management platform

How they can help: In response to the global economic impact of COVID-19, Hootsuite is offering free access to their Professional plan to help small businesses and nonprofits stay connected to their customers and audiences. Plus, you’ll get access to a free library of social media training courses to help you engage with your audience, create content efficiently, and manage crisis communications.

See Details Here: https://hootsuite.com/pages/stay-connected