



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

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### **\*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/>

### **\*FACT**

**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>

### **\*Small Business Administration**

**How they can help:** The SBA is offering designated states and territories, low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Apply Here:** <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

Learn more about the SBA's Disaster Assistance in Response to the Coronavirus:

<https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19> and

<https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

### **\*USDA 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.

**How to apply:** Find our local SNAP office here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/state-directory>  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic>

### **\*USDA 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.

**How to apply:** Contact your local FSA office here: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/index>  
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index>

### **\* USDA 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.

**See Details Here:**

[https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA\\_RD\\_SA\\_COVID19\\_ProgramImmediateActions.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/USDA_RD_SA_COVID19_ProgramImmediateActions.pdf)

### **\* USDA 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.

**See Details Here:** [https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2020/usda-announces-more-than-34-million-acres-selected-for-general-signup-conservation-reserve-program-?utm\\_campaign=0326crpsignup&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2020/usda-announces-more-than-34-million-acres-selected-for-general-signup-conservation-reserve-program-?utm_campaign=0326crpsignup&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

### **\* USDA 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.

**See Details Here:** <https://rma.usda.gov/en/News-Room/Press/Press-Releases/2020-News/USDA-Adds-Flexibilities-for-Crop-Insurance-to-Support-Americas-Farmers-and-Ranchers>

### **\*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/1FAIpQLSdOovKlj9KrX7IDHNnmXuAHzs5WMBJJrxTzJus2\\_X0dQA\\_F8RQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR00SONKVqJDZH16-DusWu6pQaFtaXeE\\_cguqtCslCOMSxxNCSJM0OsFqXo](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOovKlj9KrX7IDHNnmXuAHzs5WMBJJrxTzJus2_X0dQA_F8RQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&fbclid=IwAR00SONKVqJDZH16-DusWu6pQaFtaXeE_cguqtCslCOMSxxNCSJM0OsFqXo)

### **\* 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>