

Health & Safety for Specialty Crops (HASSC)

COST SHARE FUNDS

Receive up to \$2,450* in cost share funds to make health and safety improvements. Improvements may include:

- installation of plexiglass barriers, appropriate sanitary divides
- hand washing or field sanitation stations
- ventilation/air filtration upgrades or similar portable type systems
- first aid kits
- smoke detectors, fire extinguishers
- windows, window screens
- replacement of mattresses/mattress covers
- cleaning/sanitation services

** Reimbursement will be made on a 70:30 basis with grant funds reimbursing producers for 70% of total expenditure. A maximum expenditure of \$3,500 would generate reimbursement of \$2,450 and net farmer investment of \$1,050. Original receipts required.*

EXAMPLE:

\$3500	100%	expenditure
- \$2450	70%	reimbursement
\$1050	30%	NET FARMER INVESTMENT

Funds & supplies limited and available until exhausted. Other benefits include:

- free farm health/safety training with free safety glasses for all participants
- free powder free, nitrile gloves

Eligibility

- Produce specialty crop(s) as defined by US Department of Agriculture
https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/USDA_Specialty_Crop_Definition.pdf
- Priority given to producers who:
 - are veterans, women, and/or individuals farming with a disability
 - have operated a farm or ranch for 10 years or less either as a sole operator or with others who have operated a farm or ranch for 10 years or less
 - are defined by USDA as socially disadvantaged including African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders.
 - have low gross farm sales (<\$180,300) and low household income (below national poverty level) for 2 years in a row (<https://povertylevelcalculator.com/poverty-level-calculator-results>)

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