

DAIRY INNOVATORS (DI) GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The Central Plains Dairy Foundation has grant funding available through the Dairy Innovators (DI) grant program.

SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IN THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

Today's evolving dairy industry faces complex challenges requiring strong, resourceful leadership today and tomorrow. That's why we've developed this funding source for organizations leading the way in providing innovative programs and solutions to problems facing the people of dairy and the future of the industry.

With **\$25,000** to award, in grant sizes ranging from **\$500 to \$10,000**, the time to apply for a Dairy Innovators grant for your work is now. Here's what you need to know.

WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

We know there are many possible creative solutions to offering more dairy-related innovation programs for the people of our industry. The Dairy Innovators Grants focus on finding these new solutions which are inclusive, collaborative, and resourceful. These solutions should address an economic development, community development, workforce development, or industry promotional need or opportunity in a more innovative, effective, equitable, or sustainable way than existing approaches.

We do not prioritize any specific issues and projects may be at various stages of the problem-solving process. We require the project be focused on some combination of innovation, technology, and leadership in the dairy industry.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants should be a public, nonprofit organization as defined by IRS Publication 78. You can also work with a verified fiscal sponsor who can receive funds on your behalf.
- The Central Plains Dairy Foundation does not award grants to support political campaigns, discriminatory practices, or personal gain.
- Grants must be used for projects located in the central plains (Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and/or South Dakota).
- We will favor/prioritize proposals with project budget sizes of appropriate scale to this **\$500 - \$10,000** grant opportunity and appropriate scale to the applicant's capacity to execute the project.

DETAILS

Applications are **due by January 31, 2021**. Awards will be announced at the 2021 Central Plains Dairy Expo. Progress reports and completion reports are required for successful applicants. All applications must be submitted on the approved forms. Grant application forms and more information are available on the Foundation page on the Central Plains Dairy Expo website at centralplainsdairyfoundation.org or by calling 605.412.8403.