Grant News for Michigan Farms!

''\$15 million in agricultural safety grants to provide critical relief to Michigan's farms and food processors''

The Michigan Agricultural Safety Grants are divided between agricultural processors and farms:

- \$10 million in grants will be provided to processors statewide, with a minimum grant of \$10,000 and a maximum grant of \$200,000.
- \$5 million in grants will be available to farms statewide, with a minimum grant of \$10,000 and a maximum grant of \$50,000.

To qualify for grant support, applicants must be a farm or agricultural processor located in Michigan and meet the following requirements:

- A minimum of 10 employees in Michigan, with supporting documentation.
- Provide proof of good standing with the state of Michigan, as applicable (Certificate of Good Standing).
- Attest that the business is current on all state, local and real estate taxes, or is otherwise contesting them in good faith.
- Have completed registration in the State of Michigan Integrated Governmental Management Applications (SIGMA) Vendor Self-Service website prior to applying for grant funding.

This opportunity helps in providing the tools, PPE and other business adaptations to implement the best measures against the current pandemic. Not only will this help in creating safety for the public and agricultural employees, but these funds simultaneously help in implementing produce safety practices through increased health & hygiene and sanitation procedures on your farm.

The application for this opportunity opened this morning at 9:00 a.m.! Check out the requirements to apply by <u>clicking here.</u> Contact Michelle Jacokes, Produce Safety Technician, for more information:

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