



Funding for Growers

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RESOURCE	WHAT IT IS	WHAT YOU GET
EQIP (NRCS cost-share) https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-environmental-quality-incentives	The Environmental Quality Incentives Program: cost-share for conservation practices including high tunnels, irrigation efficiency, and cover crops. Your NRCS field office is the front door.	The program that has paid for thousands of small growers' first high tunnel.
Farm Credit https://farmcredit.com	The nationwide network of borrower-owned agricultural lenders, chartered a century ago for exactly this.	Ag-literate lending when you outgrow the microloan.
FSA farm loans and microloans https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/farm-loan-programs	The Farm Service Agency lends where banks often will not: streamlined microloans for a market garden or first season, and beginning-farmer loans that lower the bar.	Capital designed for exactly the farm the banks call too small.
Grants.gov https://www.grants.gov	Every federal grant opportunity in one searchable place, with open data behind it. The agency field office is usually the better first call, but this is the master list.	The complete federal funding firehose, filterable.
Kiva US small-business loans https://www.kiva.org/borrow	Zero-percent, crowdfunded small-business loans up to fifteen thousand dollars, and farms qualify.	Interest-free starter capital backed by people rooting for you.
REAP energy grants https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/energy-programs/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency-improvement-guaranteed-loans-grants	The Rural Energy for America Program funds renewable energy and efficiency: solar, better greenhouse glazing, efficient equipment.	Federal help paying for the solar array or the efficient upgrade you were pricing anyway.
SARE farmer grants https://www.sare.org/grants/	The grants a farmer can apply for directly: ten to thirty thousand dollars to run a real experiment on your own operation, through your SARE region.	Paid to answer your own question, and your results join the public library.
Specialty Crop Block Grants https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgbp	Federal money that flows through each state's department of agriculture specifically for fruit, vegetable, and specialty crop projects.	Your state ag department's pot for specialty crops; watch their annual call.

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