USDA-NIFA Aquaculture

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NIFA Extramural Funding Support
USDA Small Business Innovative Research Program

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- Phase I Grants = 8 Months/$175,000
- Phase II Grants = 2 Years/$600,000
- 8.7 Aquaculture - Develop new technologies to enhance the knowledge and technology base needed for expansion of the domestic aquaculture industry as a form of production agriculture
Regional Aquaculture Centers

- **Five regional aquaculture centers:**
  1. Northeast (U. of Maryland)
  2. North Central (Iowa State)
  3. Southern (Mississippi State)
  4. Western (U. of Washington)
  5. Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (U of Hawaii, Oceanic Institute of Hawaii Pacific University)

Each center funds single- and multi- year projects that address critical and regionally important aquaculture issues.

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Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

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By statute, BFRDP grants may fund programs or services relating to:

1. Basic livestock, forest management, and crop farming practices;
2. Innovative farm, ranch, and private, nonindustrial forest land transfer and succession strategies;
3. Entrepreneurship and business training;
4. Technical assistance to help beginning farmers or ranchers acquire land from retiring farmers and ranchers;
5. Financial and risk management training, including the acquisition and management of agricultural credit;
6. Natural resource management and planning;
7. Diversification and marketing strategies;
8. Curriculum development;
9. Mentoring, apprenticeships, and internships;
10. Resources and referral;
11. Farm financial benchmarking;
12. Agricultural rehabilitation and vocational training for veteran farmers and ranchers;
13. Farm safety and awareness;
14. Food safety and recordkeeping, and
15. Other similar subject areas of use to beginning farmers or ranchers, including support related to the impacts of COVID–19 on beginning farmers or ranchers. This may include financial, marketing advice, production, and business planning technical assistance in accessing federal and state assistance programs and other activities authorized for BFRDP to alleviate and respond to COVID-related disruptions.
NIFA – Current Research Information System (CRIS)

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