

Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program – Self-Screening Eligibility Guide

Applicant Ownership



1. Is the intermediary applicant located in a state as one of the following types of entities?

- A Tribe
- A private, nonprofit corporation
- A cooperative
- A public agency

Yes

No: you are not eligible

2. The intermediary applying for MPILP funds was not established to financially benefit an affiliate through loans or other types of funding, nor will it primarily use MPILP funds for this purpose.

True

False: you are not eligible

3. Is the intermediary applicant a nonpublic body?

Yes

No: please continue to Q5

4. Do citizens comprise at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership in the intermediary applicant?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

5. Is the intermediary applicant an affiliate of another entity?

Yes

No: please continue to Q7

6. Is the intermediary applicant's governing board independent of the affiliated entity?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

7. The intermediary applicant and its principals do not have delinquent debt to the federal government.

True

False: you are not eligible

Proposed Operations



8. Does the applicant have* — or plan to develop — capacity and expertise in meat and poultry processing, including:

- Conducting outreach and marketing
- Underwriting loan applications
- Servicing and monitoring its proposed MPILP portfolio

***Must include recent loan-making and servicing experience with loans similar in nature to MPILP loan making proposed by the intermediary applicant. The applicant must also have an acceptable delinquency and loss rate, as determined by Rural Development.**

Yes: please continue to Q10 (next page)

No

9. Do you plan to apply for an exception to the requirement for loan making and servicing experience, on the grounds that the intermediary applicant:

- has a proven record of successfully assisting (other than through lending) meat or poultry processors through technical assistance or business development projects to processors
 - will - before the MPILP grant is obligated - employ people with loan making and servicing experience, and expertise in the operation and administration of an MPILP revolving loan fund as described in the NOFA (information is available at this link: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/mpilp>).
- Note: "Employees" means dedicated staff, NOT contracted staff, or staff from affiliates of the intermediary.

Yes: please continue to Q10 (next page)

No: you are not eligible

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Proposed Operations (continued)



10. Does the intermediary applicant have the in-house capacity to conduct the essential activities of a business lending operation and administration of the MPILP revolving loan fund?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

11. Does the intermediary applicant's balance sheet have capitalization or equity sufficient to sustain the lending or business operations proposed in the grant application?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

12. Together with other available funds, the requested grant funds are sufficient to ensure the establishment or continued operation of an effective MPILP revolving loan fund, and will achieve the purposes of the grant.

True

False: you are not eligible

Governance



13. Does the intermediary applicant maintain internal audit and management control systems to evaluate and monitor the MPILP revolving loan portfolio?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

14. Does the intermediary applicant hold policies for fidelity bond coverage or employee dishonesty insurance that protects the intermediary from losses incurred as a result of theft from its employees?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

15. Does the intermediary applicant maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

Legal



16. Does the intermediary applicant have the legal authority to carry out the proposed grant purposes?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

17. Will the applicant be registered in SAM.gov at the time of application?

Yes

No: you are not eligible

18. The applicant will inform Rural Development if it is under a consent order from a federal, Tribal, or state agency, or comes under such an order in the future.

True

False: you are not eligible

19. The applicant is not debarred from, nor suspended by, the federal government, and is not an affiliate of an entity that is either debarred or suspended by the federal government.

True: eligible to apply**

False: you are not eligible

**Answers to the questions above are for self-screening purposes only and serve as a resource to interested parties in the MPILP. Eligibility decision from the Agency will only be made when a complete application is submitted in accordance with the Notice of Funding Availability of the MPILP.