



**USDA Rural Development  
Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program  
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State	Senators	Representatives	Recipient	Grant	Project Description
AL	Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt	Robert Aderholt (04) Jerry Carl (01) Barry Moore (03) Gary Palmer (06) Terri Sewell (07) Dale Strong (05)	Alabama Agricultural Development Authority	\$15,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist nine established slaughter and processing facilities as well as three new facilities and one tribal entity with plans to build a new facility. The funds will assist 10 counties across the state of Alabama: Madison, Blount, Dallas, Lowndes, Marshall, Mobile, Covington, Cullman, DeKalb and Lauderdale counties. This project will create a minimum of 145 jobs.
GA	Jon Ossoff Raphael Warnock	Rick Allen (12)	CSRA Rural Lending Authority Inc	\$7,500,000	CSRA Business Lending through its CSRA Rural Lending Authority Inc. (CSRA RLA or Intermediary) will establish the "Georgia Meat and Poultry Revolving Loan Fund" to facilitate financing for the start-up, expansion, and operation of entities engaged in primary processing (slaughter) or further processing of meat and poultry. This program will facilitate access to affordable capital to address the ongoing need for meat and poultry processing enterprises in Georgia's rural and urban communities.
GA	Raphael Warnock Jon Ossoff	Nikema Williams (05), Rick Allen (12), Sanford Bishop (02), Earl Carter (01), Andrew Clyde (09), Mike Collins (10), Drew Ferguson (03), Henry Johnson (04), Barry Loudermilk (11), Richard McCormick (06), Austin Scott (08), David Scott (13), Marjorie Greene (14)	CSRA Lend Authority	\$7,500,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund to be administered by CSRA Business Lending through its CSRA Rural Lending Authority Inc. These funds will establish the "Georgia Meat and Poultry Revolving Loan Fund" to facilitate financing for the start-up, expansion, and operation of entities engaged primary in slaughter or further processing of meat and poultry. These funds will help facilitate access to affordable capital to address the ongoing need for meat and poultry processing enterprises in Georgia's rural and urban communities. An estimated 26 jobs will be created. This is CSRA's second MPILP award.
IA	Charles Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Region XII Council of Governments Inc	\$15,000,000	COG hopes to see increases in the number of meat processing facilities in Iowa, diversification of ownership in Iowa's meat processing infrastructure, an increase in the number of producers across the state, greater resiliency to industry shocks, greater employment in the meat processing sector, increased capital investment, and increased wealth among Iowa's residents. Small processors who expand or new projects located in the state means producers will have closer markets for their animals, and decreased transportation will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



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ME	Susan Collins Angus King	Chellie Pingree (01) Jared Golden (02)	Coastal Enterprises Inc	\$8,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund. These funds will help livestock and poultry processors in the New England states access capital to increase meat processing capacity. Coastal Enterprises will continue to work to increase access to processing for the many small livestock farmers in the region to provide both access to affordable capital and industry-specific technical expertise to support regional processing facilities start-up or expansion. Coastal Enterprises Inc. will continue to leverage its decades of food-focused lending to help build a vibrant and resilient future for meat and poultry processors in the New England states.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Betty McCollum (04)	Minnesota Department of Agriculture	\$15,000,000	The Minnesota Meat & Poultry Revolving Loan Program will be managed by the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority (RFA), the agricultural lending arm of the State of Minnesota. A revolving loan fund that focuses on meat and poultry processing will complement and enhance a number of existing state-funded grant programs.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matt Rosendale (02)	Great Falls Development Authority Inc.	\$2,000,000	The organization's mission is to help fund existing and startup meat and poultry processing operations in the Great Falls Montana region, increase and diversify production, process a higher percentage of livestock raised in the region, and grow the industry in such a way as to lower operating costs for processors. GFDA also creates high-wage career opportunities that improve quality of life and the environment.
NC	Richard Burr Thom Tillis	Deborah Ross (02)	North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority	\$15,000,000	NCAFA plans to facilitate economic recovery from the pandemic for businesses engaged in meat and poultry processing by assisting businesses that may close if the funds needed to purchase the business are not available. The ultimate goal of the NCAFA MPILP is to facilitate the start-up and expansion of small and medium sized processing plants including mobile processing units, thereby providing processing opportunities for smaller farm to table meat and poultry producers as well as larger mid-sized meat and poultry producers.
ND	John Hoeven Kevin Cramer	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council	\$10,000,000	Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council's mission is to develop North Dakota's economy and communities through flexible financing for the start-up, expansion, and operation of entities engaged in primary processing (slaughter) or further processing of meat and poultry, to strengthen the capacity for independent processors, and to help create a more resilient, diverse, and secure U.S. food supply chain.



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ND	John Hoeven Kevin Cramer	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Lewis and Clark	\$5,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund that will help support the expansion of meat and poultry processing. The revolving loan funds will focus on increasing capacity and diversifying America's food supply chain while furthering economic opportunity with Cloverdale Foods. Lewis & Clark RDC has a 20-year long relationship with Cloverdale Foods firmly rooted in North Dakota. Cloverdale Foods employs residents, is active in attracting new residents to the state, supporting local pork and cattle producers, and investing in communities. These funds will be crucial in assisting Cloverdale's growth strategy plan for the next three years. The growth is projected to create 225 new jobs.
NE IA	Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts (NE) Charles Grassley Joni Ernst (IA)	Mike Flood (NE-01) Don Bacon (NE-02) Adrian Smith (NE-03) Randy Feenstra (IA-04) Ashley Hinson (IA-02)	Nebraska Enterprise Fund	\$15,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a revolving loan fund to finance the start-up, expansion, or operation of slaughter, or other processing of meat and poultry. The objective is to strengthen the financing capacity for independent meat processors, and to create a more resilient, diverse, and secure U.S. food supply chain.
NE	Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts	Don Bacon (02)	Center for Rural Affairs	\$5,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a revolving loan fund to finance the start-up, expansion, or operation of slaughter, or other processing of meat and poultry. The objective is to strengthen the financing capacity for independent meat processors, and to create a more resilient, diverse, and secure U.S. food supply chain.
NE	Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts	Mike Flood (01) Don Bacon (02) Adrian Smith (03)	Center for Rural Affairs	\$10,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a revolving loan fund to finance the start-up, expansion, or operation of slaughter, or other processing of meat and poultry. The objective is to strengthen the financing capacity for independent meat processors, and to create a more resilient, diverse, and secure U.S. food supply chain.
OK	James Lankford Markwayne Mullin	Kevin Hern (1) Josh Brecheen (02) Frank Lucas (03) Tom Cole (04) Stephanie Bice (05)	Rural Enterprises Inc	\$5,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help capitalize a revolving loan fund. The revolving loan fund will provide low interest loans to multiple recipients including 11 beef and poultry processing plants in Oklahoma. These loan funds will be used on equipment upgrades, new facilities, as well as the development and transition to the retail markets. The objective is to strengthen the financing capacity for independent meat processors, and to create a more resilient, diverse, and secure U.S. food supply chain.



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OK	James Lankford Markwayne Mullin	Josh Brecheen (02) Frank Luas (03) Tom Cole (04)	Southwest Intermediary Finance Team, I	\$9,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help capitalize a revolving loan fund. These funds will provide access low interest loans to help strengthen the resiliency of the meat and poultry processing sector and the broader food supply chain. This project will focus on alleviating the sudden and severe economic dislocation caused by the corona virus pandemic, increase their efforts on providing permanent resources to support economic resiliency, and further the long-term economic adjustment objectives for their region.
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Fondo de Inversion y Desarrollo Coop	\$8,025,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help assist with the construction of two meat slaughter and processing plants, one for swine and one for bovine. This project will also help fund three poultry production warehouses to increase the availability of chickens for grilling. These initial projects will allow additional fresh and more affordable meat and poultry products for local customers. The revolving loan fund will be administered by Fondo de Inversion y Desarrollo Cooperative, Inc (FIDECOOP) who administers a host of other investments that support businesses in Puerto Rico. The new fund will give them another tool to use to strengthen the financial capacity of local cooperatives focused on meat and poultry production.
SD	John Thune Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	GROW South Dakota	\$8,125,000	GROW South Dakota will assist approximately 16 meat and/or poultry processors at an average loan of \$500,000 per business and will inject needed capital into the processing industry and advance economic opportunities. The funds will improve the livelihoods of community residents through job creation and access to fresher meat and poultry products while meeting pollution mitigation by reducing food miles for transportation from local growers initially and ultimately to local markets.
SD	John Thune Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Planning and Development District III	\$2,375,000	District III will establish a financial resource that builds District III's lending capacity while focusing on a chronic economic challenge, namely creating value added agricultural alternatives. The fund will give local processing facilities a tool to improve access to markets; enhance operational efficiencies; retain and attract employees; and remain competitive in a challenging business environment.
SD	John Thune Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	West River Foundation	\$6,986,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund for qualified independent meat and poultry processors. The West River Meat and Poultry Lending Program (WRMPLP) mission is to increase access to capital and processing capacity in order to create a more resilient, diverse, and secure U.S. food supply chain. This will support South Dakota-based projects involving the start-up, expansion, or operation of meat and poultry processors.



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SD	John Thune Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Planning & Dev District III	\$2,100,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to capitalize South Dakota's Planning & Development District III's "Regional Meat and Poultry Revolving Funds. The fund is being established to targeted financial assistance to build capacity and resiliency in the agricultural processing sector. The fund will give local processing facilities a tool to improve access to markets; enhance operational efficiencies; retain and attract employees; and remain competitive in a challenging business environment.