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RULE TITLE: Standards to Determine Project Eligibility

NOTICE FILED DATE: 02/28/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Sets Standards to Determine Project Eligibility.

RULE TEXT:
(1) The Department shall award Meat Processing Infrastructure and Capacity Building grant funds of up to $750,000 per application. All grant funds must be distributed by June 30 of the biennium in which the grant was awarded.
(2) Grant funds must be used to expand or build new processing capacity for animals raised in Oregon, including:
(a) Upgrades to and/or expansion of establishments that are expected to operate under a program of state inspection;
(b) Construction of new establishments that are expected to operate under a program of state inspection; or
(c) Expansion of establishments that operate under a program of federal inspection and plan to increase processing of meat from animals raised in Oregon.
(3) Grant funds may also be used for costs related to the activities described in section (2) of this rule, including technical assistance, planning, construction, and the purchase of equipment.
(4) Preference shall be given to establishments that prioritize seasonally feasible processing of meat from animals raised in Oregon. Preference may also be given to establishments that address gaps in type of processing or gaps in species processing; or expand existing or develop new processing in areas of Oregon with limited access to meat processing services.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: HB 3410 (2023), ORS 561.020, ORS 561.190, OL 2021, Chap. 537

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RULE TITLE: Grant Administration

NOTICE FILED DATE: 02/28/2025

RULE SUMMARY: Establishes how grant will be administered.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The Department and the grant recipient shall sign a grant agreement that incorporates the full application.

(2) Grant funds shall be disbursed according to the approved payment schedule of up to 75 percent upon execution of the grant agreement and the remaining percentage upon submission of a progress report, a financial expenditure worksheet including receipts, photos, a list of expenditures, a plan for the final use of the disbursement, and a site visit by ODA. Furthermore, awardees who are seeking state inspection must have scheduled an initial consultation with ODA Food Safety.

(3) Grantees shall provide a final report documenting the results of the project as outlined in the grant agreement.

(4) Grantees shall maintain project records and shall make them available to the Department in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement.

(5) Unexpended grant funds not used by the grantee will be reverted to the Oregon Meat Processing Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grant Program for reallocation.

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