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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is amending the Meat Grant rule to allow awardees additional time to complete their projects before funding expires.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

In recognition of ongoing supply chain disruptions, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is adopting amendments to expand the time awardees have available to utilize the grant awards. ODA has experienced ongoing delays in the delivery and installation of equipment associated with other grants over 2020 and 2021. Requiring receipt and installation prior to requesting reimbursement is likely to jeopardize the completion of awarded projects. ODA is therefore amending the rule to distribute the final 25 percent of award funding to awardees prior to June 30, 2023.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

Rules on Sec. of State website

RULES:
603-008-0030, 603-008-0060

AMEND: 603-008-0030

RULE TITLE: Standards to Determine Project Eligibility

RULE SUMMARY: Updating requirements for money distribution.

RULE TEXT:
(1) The Department shall award Meat Processing Infrastructure and Capacity Building grant funds of up to $500,000 per application. All grant funds must be distributed by June 30, 2023.
(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 2785 (2021), ORS 561.020, ORS 561.190

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: HB 2785 (2021)

AMEND: 603-008-0060

RULE TITLE: Grant Administration

RULE SUMMARY: Updates grant reporting requirements.

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 75 percent upon execution of the grant agreement and the remaining 25 percent 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 25 percent 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.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: HB 2785 (2021), ORS 561.020, ORS 561.190

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: HB 2785 (2021)