



## Veterinary Services Grant Program Rural Practice Enhancement

Funding for food animal practices available now!

**Are you a veterinarian or veterinary staff currently providing food animal veterinary services in a designated, rural\* veterinary shortage area? If so, you may be eligible to apply for funding!**

**What is the grant award?** \$75,000-\$125,000 in funding to equip veterinary facilities, share in reasonable overhead, and establish mobile facilities to address education or extension needs. Note: Grant funds cannot be used for building construction or remodeling.

**Service Commitment:** Three (3) years of service are required in a designated shortage situation for food and large animal services.

### Examples of business expenses covered by the program:



Hiring additional staff



Purchasing portable stocks to expand practice services



Acquire or rent additional pregnancy and semen testing equipment



Adding a second vehicle equipped for ambulatory services to support another associate



Upgrade facilities to include roll-over chute and portable radiography equipment



\*As designated by the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) and Veterinary Services Grant Program (VSGP). Rural eligibility is determined by the [USDA Rural Development Business Program's Rural Community Development Initiative Map](#).

# For more information, contact: California Department of Food and Agriculture Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship Team

Our team can help you through the application process! Please reach out, preferably by November 30<sup>th</sup> for maximum support, in anticipation of the upcoming application cycle.



[www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AUS/CAVetNeeds.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AUS/CAVetNeeds.html)



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## BRIEF APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The USDA-NIFA website provides a [Program Webinar](#) and [Request for Application document](#) for additional application information.

### Application and Award Timeline

By end of March: Application deadline typically announced



At least 5 weeks prior to application deadline: Register for the [System for Award Management \(Sam.gov\)](#) and [Grants.gov](#)



6-8 weeks after submission: Initial Screening and Peer Review processes typically completed, after which applicants are notified about funding awards.



Around September: Awards are granted after Administrative Review.

### Application Requirements

- Map of shortage area and clinic location
- Project Narrative
- Budget: Detailed outline of award spending plan (with overhead costs not to exceed 50% of funds)
- Post-Award documentation required

