



FARM AND FOOD GROWTH FUND

AQUACULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Equipment Only Applicant Guidance

How to apply

If interested in the latest news on this upcoming opportunity, please email the Bluefoods@ffgrowthfund.org to be added to the distribution list. All applications must be submitted via the SMA system at <http://ffgf.smapply.us/>. Applicants who have not previously registered in the FFGF SMA Grant Portal will need to register for an account using a verifiable email address.

Anticipated timeline

August 4, 2025	Request for Applications (RFA) released, and application opens. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.
September 15, 2025	First review for funding of applications
15 th day of every month beginning in September 2025	Applications will be reviewed monthly for approval and funding.
January 15, 2026	RFA closes and final day applications are accepted, unless funds are exhausted before closing date.

Example Equipment List – Equipment Only

Equipment that does not permanently alter a vehicle or building – movable equipment that does not require permitting or construction to operationalize.

Shellfish

- Water-based Items: Diving gear, bottom cages, floating cages, trays, racks, bags, nets, baskets, buoys, anchors, Aqua purses, cross ties, cables
- Land-based Items: Tumblers, sorting machines, counting and bagging machines, washing machines, winches, haulers

Kelp

- Mooring and ground tackle, mooring balls, mooring chains, ropes and long lines, depth maintenance systems (droppers, buoys, etc.)

Cold Chain Distribution

- Mechanical refrigeration equipment to retrofit owned vehicles for distribution of aquaculture products

Required Documents

1. Budget quotes for each requested equipment
2. One letter of support – One support letter is required and must be prepared by a buyer that the applicant supplies to currently. The letter should describe the business relationship between the applicant and the buyer, confirm the good standing of the applicant, and provide any relevant information on the reliability or qualities of the business from the buyer's perspective.
3. Evidence of active permit from NYS – A copy of the applicant's legal right to operate in NYS.



Post-award Documentation Checklist (Only applies to those approved for grants)

1. A certificate of insurance consistent with the requirements set forth in Appendix A of the grant agreement.
 - Proof of workers compensation and disability benefits coverage or proof of exemption (one of the following):
 - Form CE-200
 - Form C-105.2
 - Form SI-12
 - Or, Form GSI-105.2
 - Proof of Disability Coverage
 - CE-200
 - DB-120.1
 - Or, Form DB-155
 - Commercial General Liability Insurance revised to add (1) FFGF, (2) The People of the State of New York; and (3) The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and their officers, agents, and employees
 - Copy of the additional insured endorsement or policy language granting additional insured status; and
 - And, Certificate of Insurance.
2. A current IRS Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification), signed within the past six months
3. A Certificate of Status, aka Certificate of Good Standing in NYS obtained following the instructions on the website here: <https://dos.ny.gov/certificate-status>. FFGF recommends applicants requiring a COS to begin this process immediately utilizing the expedited option.
4. Cold storage equipment intended for vehicles requires proof of title with no liens recorded, registration, and insurance.