



# Specialty Crop Block Grant

Division Of Plant Health and Compliance

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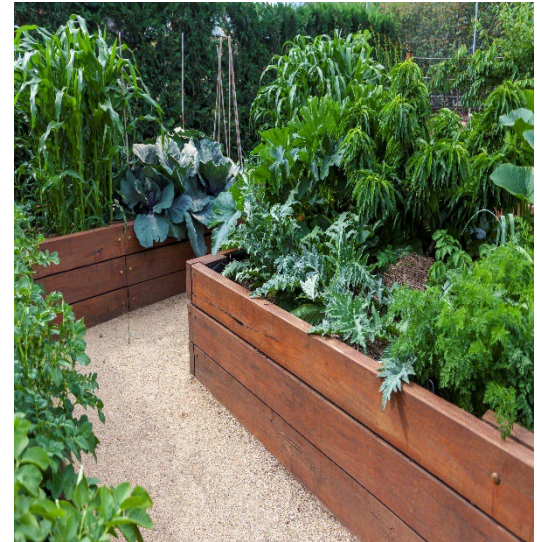
## Enhance the competitiveness of U.S. specialty crops

To be eligible for a grant, the project(s) must "enhance the competitiveness of U.S. specialty crops" in either domestic or foreign markets.

### Crops that are eligible

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Tree nuts
- Dried fruits
- Christmas trees
- Turf type grasses
- Nursery crops (including floriculture and horticulture)

A complete list of eligible and ineligible crops under the grant program can be found at the [USDA specialty crop block grant website](#).



*Applicants are encouraged to read program guidelines document for full eligibility requirements prior to submitting a proposal.*

### Applicant eligibility

The following organizations can submit projects that aim to enhance the production and competitiveness of Oregon's specialty crop industries:

- Non-profit organizations
- Local
- Government entities
- For-profit organizations
- Industry trade associations
- Producer groups
- Commodity commissions
- Public and private colleges/universities
- for-profit organizations
- local, state, and federal government entities
- educational institutions



## Exclusions

- Grant funds will not be awarded for projects that directly benefit or provide profit only to a single organization, institution, or individual.
- Funds may not be used to purchase fixed assets or personal property.
- Expenditures incurred prior to grant award may not be included in the grant request or eligible for reimbursement.
- Recipients cannot use grant funds to compete with private companies.

## Acceptable Projects

- A non-profit requests funds to show the viability of organic small fruit production. They partner with a producer group to promote the working model to other regional growers.
- A grower and a university partner to conduct research on the feasibility of planting, cultivating, and growing a specialty crop in a specific area, the results of which will be shared with growers throughout the state

## Unacceptable Projects

- A company requests funds to buy starter plants or equipment to grow specialty crops to make a profit or to expand production for single organization.
- A single specialty crop organization requests funds to promote themselves to increase membership.

## Information

For more information can be found at the following link:



[Specialty Crop Block Grant Program \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/agriculture/specialty-crops-program)

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