

Department of Agriculture

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given of the commencement of an application period for grants under the Direct Farm Sales Grant Program (“Program”) administered by the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Food Distribution. For the 2014 Project Year, the Application Period is September 30, 2013 to November 18, 2013. Information about the Program and application forms can be accessed at the Department Web site www.agriculture.state.pa.us under the Bureau of Food Distribution or by contacting the Bureau of Food Distribution at 1-800-468-2433, ask to speak with Sandy Hopple.

In summary, the Program provides funds to Pennsylvania-based businesses that manage or operate a farm stand or farmers’ markets, non-profit organizations, farmers and local governments for projects intended to promote new or existing farmers’ markets. Projects must pertain to specialty crops. The maximum Grant amount per farm stand or farmers’ market location shall be \$7,500 and applicants shall be expected to provide 25% of the approved Grant amount in matching funds or in-kinds goods or services. The anticipated date for the Award of Grants and Notice thereof is expected to be on or before February 1, 2014. The application, work plan and budget should reflect March 1, 2014 as the project start date and the project completion date will be September 30, 2014.

Applications for the Program will be accepted by the Department of Agriculture beginning Monday, September 30, 2013 and continue through Monday, November 18, 2013. Applications to be hand-delivered must be received by 4:00 p.m. in the Bureau of Food Distribution on Monday, November 18, 2013, the closing date. Applications which are mailed must be postmarked no later than Monday, November 18, 2013 and received no later than November 25, 2013.

Completed applications should be addressed to or delivered to Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Food Distribution, Direct Farm Sales Grant Program, 2301 North Cameron Street, Room 401, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

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