

<b><u>Grants and Funding Programs</u></b> (This is not a complete list, but will give you an idea what is available.)		<b>Please Note: Deadline dates and amounts will vary-Please check individual program info.</b>	
<b>Who From</b>	<b>Website and/or Contact Information</b>	<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Who Available to/Program Examples/Noted Restrictions</b>
<b><u>Berkshire County</u></b>			
Local Farmer Awards	<a href="http://www.farmerawards.org">www.farmerawards.org</a>		2023 application open Jan. 1-31; Up to \$2500 (Please check back)
Berkshire Agricultural Ventures	<a href="http://www.berkshireagventures.org">www.berkshireagventures.org</a>	Offers variety of grant & loan programs	
Berkshire Grown	<a href="http://www.berkshiregrown.org/category/grants-loans">www.berkshiregrown.org/category/grants-loans</a>	Links to a variety of programs being offered	
Berkshire County Natural Resources Conservation Services	(413)443-1776 x3 or sylvia.munizgaya@usda.gov	Assistance with state and federal programs	
Berkshire County Farm Service Agency	(413)443-1776 x2 or rebecca.savarese@usda.gov	Assistance with state and federal programs	
1Berkshire	<a href="http://www.1berkshire.com/business-resources/">www.1berkshire.com/business-resources/</a>	Has a variety of small business resources including links to loans and grants	
<b><u>State</u></b>			
MA Dept of Ag Resources	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/guides/agricultural-grants-and-financial-assistance-programs">www.mass.gov/guides/agricultural-grants-and-financial-assistance-programs</a>	Climate Smart Agricultural Program (CSAP)	Combined application for ACRE, AEEP & ENER programs
		CSAP Ag Climate Resiliency & Efficiencies (ACRE) Program	Soil health, water use efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, high-tunnels, infrastructure

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MA Dept of Ag Resources (Continued)	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/guides/agricultural-grants-and-financial-assistance-programs">www.mass.gov/guides/agricultural-grants-and-financial-assistance-programs</a>	CSAP Ag Environmental Enhancement Program (AEEP)	Drip irrigation, fencing, fuel/manure/pesticide storage, water re-use projects
		CSAP Ag Energy Program (ENER)	Heat recovery, plate coolers, ROs, thermal blankets, solar panels
		Ag Food Safety Improvement Program (AFSIP)	Produce & Aquaculture operations
		Ag Composting Improvement Program (ACIP)	Agricultural composters
		Farm Viability Enhancement Program (FVEP)	Established farms-For building/repairing structures, modernizing equipment
		Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA)	Beginning Farmers (1-6 years)-For equipment, infrastructure or capital improvements
		APR Improvement Program (AIP)	Already protected through Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program
		Stewardship Assistance & Restoration on APRs (SARA)	New owners of land protected through APR
	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-the-organic-certification-cost-share-program">www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-the-organic-certification-cost-share-program</a>	Organic Cost Share	Certified Organic Farmers-Reimbursement toward certification costs (\$750 max)

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MA Dept of Ag Recources (Continued)	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/farm-energy-discount-program">www.mass.gov/farm-energy-discount-program</a>	Farm Energy Discount	10% discount of electricity & natural gas