

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

National Bison Production and Marketing Grant

Funded by the USDA AMS Bison Production and Marketing Grant Program (BPMGP)

Administered by: National Bison Association

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RFA Release Date: June 1, 2026

Letter of Intent Deadline: June 29, 2026, 11:59 PM CST

Invitation for Full Application: July 13, 2026

Full Application Deadline: August 10, 2026, 11:59 PM CST

Award Notification Commencement Period: September 14, 2026

Total Funds Available for Subawards: \$704,000 total; maximum of \$150,000 per award

Latest Project End Date: July 31, 2028

KEY LINKS AND DOCUMENTS

Submit your Letter of Intent at <https://www.nationalbison.org>

SAM.gov Registration: <https://sam.gov/>

Full application links will be provided to invited applicants via email following the LOI review.

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1. Executive Summary

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has awarded funding to the National Bison Association (NBA) as one of three Prime Grant Recipients (PGR) to administer a portion of the Bison Production and Marketing Grant Program (BPMGP).

The National Bison Production and Marketing Grant is a national effort to strengthen the economic viability, ecological performance, and market access of bison producers across the United States. The U.S. bison industry faces significant barriers, including limited processing and market access, insufficient coordinated technical and business support for producers, and varying levels of production capacity. This program addresses those barriers by/through sub award projects that focus on a comprehensive industry-wide analysis, producer education and marketing resources toolkits and GIS data dissemination.

The National Bison Association's portion of this program provides competitive grants to deliver the first comprehensive bison supply-chain analysis, expand producer education, create bison-specific marketing tools, and map critical industry data to strengthen the bison economy. Through this four-tiered approach, our program will equip all stakeholder groups with the information, resources, and outreach capacity needed to address current challenges and support long-term industry growth.

This program is authorized under Division B, Title VII, Section 764 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-42).

Applicants may request up to \$150,000 per award. The Award Notification Commencement Period begins September 14, 2026. The project period of performance begins upon full execution of the subaward agreement and must end by July 31, 2028. The National Bison Association seeks applications that align with the program priorities outlined in this document.

This RFA covers the National Bison Association's subaward program only. Two additional PGRs, Flower Hill Institute and Mad Agriculture, administer separate subaward programs with different programmatic focuses. If your project is primarily focused on bison processing, product innovation, or bison production infrastructure, one of those programs may be a better fit. Information on those programs is available on their respective websites.

2. Program Overview

A. Purpose and Intent

This program is designed to address systemic barriers facing the U.S. bison industry. NBA's grant focuses on a comprehensive industry-wide analysis, producer education and marketing resources toolkits and GIS data dissemination. Applicants should review Section 3 carefully to identify which program goals best align with their operation's needs.

B. Grant Structure

This is an open, competitive application process. Any eligible entity may submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) during the published application window. This subaward competition will be conducted in an open and

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fair manner and in full compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200.

Following LOI review and eligibility screening, invited applicants will submit a full application to the NBA. Subawards will be administered by the NBA.

The NBA is one of three PGRs administering subawards under the BPMGP. If your project is primarily focused on bison processing, product innovation, or bison infrastructure implementation, one of the other PGR grants may be a better fit. Information on those grants is available on their respective websites.

C. Available Funding

The National Bison Association is administering a total of \$704,000.00 to subawards with a maximum of \$150,000 per award. Projects are expected to last up to 22 months. Award sizes are estimates. Final allocations may vary based on application quality and grant needs. Applicants are welcome to propose projects with budgets below the maximum award amount.

D. Key Dates and Deadlines

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Project start dates will be subject to subaward contracting and execution.

Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

3. National Bison Association Grant

This section describes the NBA's programmatic focus, funding priorities, and the applicant profile best suited for this grant. Applicants should review this section carefully before submitting a Letter of Intent.

A. Background

The National Bison Association (NBA) is a not-for-profit trade organization composed of producers, processors, marketers, and enthusiasts united in their dedication to the majestic American Bison. The NBA's proposed Bison Producer and Marketer Training Program will use the USDA AMS Bison Production and Marketing Grant Program (BPMGP) to train current and future bison stakeholders to sustain a healthy bison economy, provide sorely needed industry data and valuation, all while effectively promoting bison products to American consumers.

B. Purpose and Focus

The purpose of this grant is to provide support and solutions to bison producers and stewards, as well as marketers, to improve their ability to sustain and grow the American bison industry. The need for this grant and its deliverables is evidenced by the growing bison population in the United States across all sectors of bison restoration – commercial, conservation, and tribal. In the case of the commercial sector, which the NBA specializes in and accounts for over 90% of today's bison herd, this is the direct result of the increased consumer demand for supremely nutritious and sustainably raised bison meat. Since the COVID pandemic, the bison industry has seen processing increase by 8% per year, on average, over the last five years, thanks to increased demand coupled with increased processing capacity in the United States. Landowners are increasingly raising bison on their farms and ranches to take advantage of this market opportunity and to benefit their pastures by taking advantage of the bison's regenerative grazing behavior. As consumer demand for bison continues to exceed the available supply of market-ready animals, the U.S. bison industry is in crucial need of these proposed resources, which are widely available to other American livestock producers, to educate bison stewards on best practices to meet this growing demand and expand our collective business.

C. Funding Priorities and Potential Project Activities

Industry Analysis (Soliciting proposals with the intention to make two subawards)

The problem - A complete lack of bison industry analysis and valuation. To date, bison-specific industry analyses and supply chain valuation have never been formally pursued before, which hinders proper business planning and greatly reduces bison economic literacy among producers and marketers.

The solution - Industry-wide analyses to value the complete bison supply chain and overall industry to inform and educate stakeholders.

Producer Education (Soliciting proposals with the intention to make two subawards)

The problem - Out-of-date and insufficient bison-specific learning tools on best practices of animal management and marketing. An absence of education for bison stewards of tribal and conservation herds, and limited dissemination.

The solution - A thorough research collection and translating the science into bison-specific educational tools and resources to educate future generations of bison stewards through print, online, and video learning tools. Learning resources will be developed through projects that ensure a curriculum that benefits all bison managers and ensure that the dissemination of project deliverables will reach all bison stakeholders across the United States and beyond.

Marketing Resources (Soliciting proposals with the intention to make one subaward)

The problem – Low quality resources communicating bison meat nutritional benefits, great taste, and environmental value available to bison producers and marketers.

The solution - Generating quality bison meat photography, nutritional facts, and graphics to effectively educate consumers on why they should add bison to their regular diets which, in turn, actively restores the bison species.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Mapping and Data Dissemination (Soliciting proposals with the intention to make two subawards)

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The problem - The lack of utilization of technology, particularly Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping, in data dissemination to bison stakeholders.

The solution - Utilizing innovative solutions to add value to the industry valuation objective by mapping important data points, such as live bison sale data, bison legal classifications by state, and farmer/rancher resources and tracking species genetic data. New educational tools will be disseminated to tribal colleges, land grant universities, public herd managers, and producers nationwide to expand distribution and cross-sector collaboration.

D. Award Information

- **Award Range:** \$704,000 total; up to \$150,000 per award
- **Project Duration:** 22 months (must finish by July 31, 2028)

4. Eligibility

A. Eligible Entities

Eligible applicants include the following entity types:

- **Agricultural Businesses or Cooperatives:** Businesses or member-owned entities that provide, hold, deliver, transport, offer, or sell agricultural products or services for member benefit, as well as organizations or other businesses that they represent.
- **Economic Development Corporations:** Organizations whose missions are to improve, maintain, develop, and/or market or promote a specific geographic area.
- **Local Governments:** Any unit of government within a State, including a county, borough, municipality, city, town, township, parish, local public authority, special district, school district, intrastate district, council of governments, and any other agency or instrumentality of a multi-state, regional, or intra-state or local government.
- **Nonprofit Corporations:** Any organization or institution, including nonprofits with State or IRS 501(c) status and accredited institutions of higher education, where no part of the organization's net earnings is to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- **Producer Networks or Associations:** Producer group or member-owned organizations or businesses that provide, offer, or sell agricultural products or services through a common distribution system for the mutual member benefit, as well as organizations or other businesses that assist, represent, or serve producers or producer networks.
- **Federally Chartered Tribal Organizations:** Tribal corporations chartered under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. § 5124).
- **Tribal Governments:** Governing bodies or governmental agencies of any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community certified by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for the special programs and services provided through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

B. Ineligible Applicants

Any entity type not listed in Section 4A is ineligible to apply. Additionally, the following are ineligible regardless of entity type:

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- Individuals applying in a personal capacity (not on behalf of a registered legal entity)
- Entities without a valid UEI number at the time of LOI submission, or without an active SAM.gov registration at the time of full application invitation (see Section 6D for registration requirements and timing)
- For-profit entities are eligible to apply if they are primarily engaged in bison production, processing, or marketing. For-profit entities that do not have a direct connection to bison production, research, or marketing are ineligible.

C. Geographic Eligibility

All applicants must be based in the 50 States, American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

D. Priority Applicant Characteristics

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- Are actively engaged in bison production or directly supporting bison producers
- Demonstrate readiness to implement proposed activities within the project timeline
- Align with the grant goals

E. Ineligible Activities

The following activities are not eligible for funding under this grant regardless of project type:

- Land acquisition or real estate purchases
- Debt repayment or refinancing
- Lobbying or political activities
- General operating expenses not directly attributable to the proposed project activities
- Purchase of general-purpose vehicles, including trucks, pickup trucks, ATVs, and utility vehicles, regardless of claimed agricultural purpose
- Projects that do not demonstrate a direct connection to bison production, processing, or market development
- New buildings or permanent enclosed structures of any kind

5. Application Checklist

Before You Apply: Application Checklist

Before submitting your Letter of Intent, confirm the following:

- My organization has a valid UEI number and has submitted their organization via sam.gov (Note: full SAM.gov activation is not required at LOI submission but must be confirmed active before you will be invited to submit a full application)
- My organization is an eligible entity type as defined in Section 4A
- My proposed project is connected to bison
- My proposed project does not include any ineligible activities listed in Section 4E

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- I have reviewed the NBA's funding priorities and confirmed my project aligns with at least one goal
- I understand the LOI deadline is June 29, 2026, 11:59 PM CST and late submissions will not be accepted

Before submitting your Full Application (if invited):

- I have prepared a Project Narrative addressing all required elements in Section 6C.iii
- I have prepared a line-item budget and budget narrative
- My budget items are reasonable, allowable, and tied to project activities
- I have identified key personnel and their roles
- I have obtained any letters of support I plan to include (*optional*)
- I have verified my SAM.gov registration is still active and will be throughout the entirety of the period of performance of the project

6. Application Process and Requirements

A. Two-Step Application Overview

This is an open, public grant. Any eligible entity may submit a Letter of Intent during the published application window. The process uses two steps to reduce the burden on applicants and ensure that full applications are only requested from eligible and competitive candidates.

Step 1: Letter of Intent (LOI):

All prospective applicants must submit a Letter of Intent by June 29, 2026, 11:59 PM CST. Applicants must have a valid UEI number at the time of LOI submission. Full SAM.gov activation is not required at this stage. LOIs will be reviewed for eligibility and basic alignment with grant goals. This is a screening stage, not a competitive scoring process. LOIs will not be scored or ranked. Submitting an LOI does not guarantee an invitation to submit a full application. There is no appeal process for LOI non-selections. Applicants who are not advanced will be notified in writing with a brief statement of the reason for non-advancement.

Prior to issuing full application invitations, the NBA will verify active SAM.gov registration status for all eligible LOI applicants with USDA AMS.

Step 2: Full Application (by invitation only):

Applicants whose LOIs pass the eligibility screen will be invited to submit a full application by the application deadline (August 10, 2026, 11:59 PM CST). The Award Notification Commencement Period begins for NBA's awardees on September 14, 2026. Applicants whose SAM.gov registration is not confirmed active at the close of the LOI window will not be invited to submit a full application.

B. Step 1: Letter of Intent

i. Deadline

Letters of Intent must be submitted by June 29, 2026, 11:59 PM CST. Late LOIs will not be accepted.

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ii. Submission

LOI submission links for NBA applicants will be publicly available beginning June 1, 2026. The link is listed on the cover page of this RFA and on NBA's website. Applicants should submit their LOI through the link provided on the website.

iii. Required Contents

The Letter of Intent must include:

- Funding opportunity number and title
- Applicant name, organization, postal address, email address, and telephone number
- Organization type
- UEI number and SAM.gov registration status
- Confirmation that the applicant is applying to NBA
- Proposed activities and estimated total cost

C. Step 2: Full Application

i. Deadline

Full applications must be submitted by NBA's deadline of August 10, 2026, 11:59 PM CST.

Late applications will not be accepted.

ii. Submission

Full application links will be provided directly to invited applicants via email following LOI review.

iii. Project Narrative (3 to 5 pages, minimum 11pt font)

The project narrative is the foundation of your application. The project narrative should be 3 to 5 pages, minimum 11pt font. It should give reviewers a clear and specific understanding of your project: what you will do, why it matters, who will do the work, and how you will measure success. Strong narratives are grounded in the specific context of the proposed project and make a direct connection between the problem being addressed and the activities proposed to address it.

Your narrative must address all six sections below. Reviewers will evaluate applications against the criteria in Section 7B, and this structure maps directly to those criteria. Sections do not need to be labeled as such, but all required content must be present.

1. About Your Organization or Operation

Describe your organization or operation, including your mission or purpose, your history and scale of work relevant to this application, and your current engagement with bison production, processing, market development, or industry education. This section establishes your organizational context for reviewers and should be concise. Two to three paragraphs is sufficient for most applicants.

2. The Problem or Opportunity

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Describe the specific challenge or opportunity your project addresses. Strong applications identify a concrete, bounded problem rather than a general industry need. Explain why this problem matters to your organization or to the producers, businesses, or communities you serve, and what will change if the project succeeds. Where relevant, provide data or specific context that illustrates the scale or significance of the issue.

3. Proposed Activities and Work Plan

Describe what you will do and how. This section must include a work plan identifying: (1) planned activities and timeline; (2) how and where activities will take place; (3) resources required; and (4) the person or persons responsible for each activity, including any contractors or service providers

4. Expected Outcomes

Describe the outcomes you expect from this project. You must include at least one measurable, quantifiable indicator of success. Outcomes should be realistic and trackable within the project period. For each outcome, describe how you will measure it and what data or documentation you will use to track progress.

5. Key Personnel and Partners

Identify the key personnel involved in the project, their roles, and their relevant experience. If you plan to work with contractors, technical service providers, or partner organizations, describe who they are and what they will contribute. If specific providers have not yet been identified, describe the qualifications you will require and how you will select them.

6. Budget Summary

Provide a brief written overview of your proposed budget, including the total amount requested and how funds will be allocated across the major cost categories. The full budget detail is provided in the budget spreadsheet and narrative required under Section 6C.iv. This summary should give reviewers a clear picture of overall resource allocation before they review the budget in full.

iv. Budget and Budget Narrative

All full applications must include a completed budget spreadsheet and a written budget narrative. Both are required. An application that includes a spreadsheet without a narrative, or a narrative without a supporting spreadsheet, is incomplete.

Budget Spreadsheet

If applicants are selected for the full application, the NBA will provide a Subaward Budget Template for subawardee use. The template includes an Instructions tab with guidance on each line item category. If the applicant prefers to use their own worksheet, the same information must be in the submitted budget. Any category omitted will result in a null application. If any cost centers listed below are not part of the project, put \$0.

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The template is organized around the following cost categories, consistent with the federal cost definitions in 2 CFR §200.

| Line Item | What belongs here |
|--|--|
| Personnel | Salaries and wages for staff working on this project, in proportion to the time devoted to it. For each person, identify their name or role, compensation rate, and the percentage of time or number of hours dedicated to project activities. |
| Fringe Benefits | Employer-paid benefits associated with personnel listed above, including payroll taxes, health insurance, and retirement contributions. Typically expressed as a percentage of wages. Enter \$0 if your organization does not pay formal fringe benefits. |
| Travel | Project-related travel including mileage, lodging, and per diem. Costs must be tied to specific project activities. General commuting and personal travel are not allowable. |
| Equipment | Items with a useful life of more than one year where the cost per individual unit is \$10,000 or more. Enter each item as a separate row with unit cost and quantity. Equipment costs are excluded from the indirect cost base. General-purpose vehicles, including trucks, pickup trucks, ATVs, and utility vehicles, may not be purchased regardless of proposed use. |
| Supplies | Items where the cost per individual unit is under \$10,000, including consumable materials. Enter each item as a separate row with unit cost and quantity. Supply costs are included in the indirect cost base. |
| Contracts and Consulting Services | Payments to contractors, consultants, or technical service providers performing work on your project. Examples include grazing consultants, business planning advisors, marketing professionals, veterinarians, and data or technology developers. Contractor rates may not exceed the equivalent of a GS-15 Step 10 federal employee salary for the applicable area. Describe the scope of work and basis for the rate in your budget narrative |
| Other | Allowable project costs not captured in other categories, such as printing, postage, or project-specific software subscriptions. General organizational operating expenses not directly tied to project activities are not allowable. |
| Indirect Costs | See guidance below. |

Indirect Costs

Indirect costs are overhead costs that benefit the project but cannot be directly assigned to it, such as a proportionate share of office space, utilities, or organizational accounting functions.

The budget template automatically calculates indirect costs at the de minimis rate of 15% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). MTDC includes Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Supplies, Contracts and Consulting Services, and Other, but excludes Equipment items where the per-unit cost is \$10,000 or more. This calculation is built into the template and updates automatically as line items are completed.

If your organization has a current federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA), you may charge indirect costs at your negotiated rate in place of the de minimis rate. Replace the pre-filled

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formula in the indirect costs line with your negotiated rate applied to MTDC, and attach a copy of your current NICRA to your application.

If your organization elects not to charge indirect costs, enter zero in the indirect costs line.

Budget Narrative

The budget narrative is a written explanation submitted alongside the budget spreadsheet. It must describe, for each line item with a non-zero amount, how the dollar figure was calculated, what it will be used for, and why it is necessary for the proposed project. Refer to the table in the Budget Spreadsheet section above for guidance on what to address for each cost category.

Program Income

If your project is expected to generate revenue during the project period you must disclose this in the program income section of the budget template and in your budget narrative. Program income exceeding \$25,000 during the project period must be reported to the NBA as specified in your subaward agreement. All program income must be used to further the objectives of the project.

v. Optional Letters of Support

Letters of support are not required but may strengthen an application. Examples of organizations that could provide letters of support include:

- Universities or extension services
- Industry partners or cooperatives
- Tribal organizations
- Technical service providers
- State agencies or conservation organizations

D. SAM.gov Registration Requirement

All applicants must have a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) at the time of LOI submission. Full SAM.gov activation is not required at the LOI stage but must be confirmed active prior to receiving a full application invitation. Applicants whose SAM.gov registration is not confirmed active at the time of LOI eligibility determination will not be advanced to the full application stage regardless of LOI quality.

Understanding the two-stage SAM.gov process:

There are two distinct steps applicants should understand:

Step 1: Obtaining your UEI: A UEI is a unique identifier assigned to your organization upon initial registration at www.sam.gov. This can typically be completed relatively quickly and does not require full federal vetting. Your UEI is what you will submit with your LOI.

Step 2: Full SAM.gov Activation: After obtaining your UEI, your registration must go through a full federal activation process in which USDA validates your entity, verifies your IRS information, and confirms your organization is eligible to receive federal awards. This is a separate process from obtaining your UEI and can take four weeks or longer. Full activation must be complete before you can receive a full application invitation or a federal award.

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Important: Your legal business name in SAM.gov must exactly match your IRS records, including punctuation (for example, "LLC" vs. "L.L.C."). Mismatches are a common reason registrations are delayed or rejected.

SAM.gov accounts must be renewed annually. Your organization must maintain an active SAM.gov registration throughout the full application review period and, if awarded, during the entire project period of performance. Applications from entities whose SAM.gov registration lapses after invitation will not be considered.

SAM.gov registration can be completed or renewed at www.sam.gov.

| Required Action | Timing to Obtain/Submit |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Obtaining your organization's UEI Number (if you do not already have one) | 7-10 business days |
| Establishing an active SAM.gov account (if you do not already have one) | 7-10 business days |
| Obtaining a TIN/EIN (if you do not already have one) | Up to 2 weeks |
| Total estimated time for new registrations | Up to 4 weeks or longer |

7. Review and Selection

A. Review Process

Full applications will be reviewed by an NBA coordinated independent expert review panel. Applications that pass the initial review or LOI screening are evaluated on their overall merit by this independent expert review panel. Each reviewer signs a Conflict of Interest (COI) and confidentiality agreement for any assigned applications. Individual reviewers score applications and discuss with panel members to arrive at a consensus score. NBA then uses the scores as the basis for selecting applications for administrative review. Each application that meets the initial LOI screening requirements will be reviewed and scored competitively using the criteria listed below. Reviewers will evaluate applications for alignment with program goals, technical merit, organizational capacity, and budget appropriateness.

After the independent review panel has reviewed and scored all full applications, the NBA will conduct a final administrative evaluation of each review panel's top-scoring applications. In addition to the scores, the NBA reviews each application to ensure that projects align with the scope of this RFA, program priorities, allowability of budget items, and available funding. The NBA will work with top-scored applicants to negotiate any revisions as necessary.

B. Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Alignment with NBA's grant goals

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- Feasibility and clarity of the proposed approach
- Potential impact on bison education and marketing resources
- Applicant readiness and organizational capacity
- Appropriate and reasonable use of funds
- Relevant experience of key personnel in the proposed tasks and activities

C. Notification of Non-Selection

Applicants who are not invited to submit a full application following LOI review will be notified in writing by the NBA. Applicants whose full applications are not selected for funding will also be notified in writing. Non-selection notifications for full-application invitees will be issued during the Award Notification Commencement Period.

D. Late Application Policy

Late Letters of Intent and late full applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

8. Award Administration

A. Award Notices

Selected applicants will receive written notification from the NBA starting on September 14, 2026. Award notifications are not binding commitments. Awards are contingent upon execution of a subaward agreement with the NBA.

B. Subaward Agreement Requirements

All awardees must:

- Execute a subaward agreement with the NBA
- Participate in grant coordination as required by the NBA
- Maintain an active SAM.gov registration throughout the period of performance
- Provide periodic progress updates as required by the subaward agreement
- Specific participation, reporting, and compliance requirements will be detailed in each subaward agreement executed between the awardee and the NBA

C. Reporting Requirements

Reporting requirements will be specified in each subaward agreement.

D. Appeal Process

The appeal process applies only to full applications that have been reviewed and not selected for funding. LOI non-selections are not subject to appeal.

Initial Appeal:

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Applicants must submit a written request for review to the NBA's main contact via email in .pdf format only. The request must detail the basis for disagreement and include any supporting documentation. The request must be submitted no later than 14 calendar days after the declination notice. This deadline will be strictly enforced and no extensions will be granted.

NBA will review the appeal and communicate the decision within 14 business days of receiving the appeal package. NBA's decision will serve as the final determination in the appeal process.

Appeal Documentation & Formatting:

The letter of appeal must:

1. Include a copy of the adverse determination
2. Identify the issue(s) in dispute
3. Contain a full statement of the applicant's position with respect to their issue(s), including pertinent facts, supporting reasoning, and documentation to support their claim
4. No new application information that would not have been available at the time of submission will be considered

E. Agency Contacts

For questions about this RFA, contact the NBA at the following information:

NBA Website: www.nationalbison.org

Organization email: info@nationalbison.org

Contact person: Lydia Whitman, National Bison Association Program Manager

9. Additional Requirements and Notices

A. Acknowledgment of USDA Support

All awardees must acknowledge USDA AMS funding in any publications, press releases, websites, social media, or public communications related to their funded project. The following language must be included:

"This project was supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, under Agreement No. USDA-AMS-TM-BPMGP-G-25-0001. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the USDA."

B. Non-Discrimination Statement

The NBA complies with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws for the duration of the Federal award as described in section 12.2 of the [USDA General Terms and Conditions for Federal Awards](#).

C. Freedom of Information Act

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All applications submitted under this grant may be subject to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Applicants should be aware that information contained in their application may be disclosed in response to a FOIA request. If an applicant believes any information in their application is exempt from disclosure under FOIA, they should clearly mark that information as confidential and provide a written justification for the exemption at the time of submission.

D. Conflict(s) of Interest

Recipients and subrecipients must comply with applicable federal conflict of interest requirements, including but not limited to [2 CFR § 200.112](#), [2 CFR § 200.318](#), [2 CFR § 400.2](#), AMS' Conflict of Interest Policy, and section 1.7 of the [USDA General Terms and Conditions for Federal Awards](#).

10. Appendix

A. Federal Compliance Reference Links

The following resources are provided for reference.

Federal Regulatory References

7 CFR §1b.4 – USDA Categorical Exclusions list: [ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-A/part-1b/section-1b.4](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-A/part-1b/section-1b.4)

2 CFR §180 – OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-Wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement): <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-I/part-180?toc=1>

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