Projects aimed to improve food supply resilience through increasing slaughter, expanding meat processing capacity and/or promoting worker safety. The program, funded through the CARES Act, reimbursed up to 50% of eligible expenses, with a maximum award of $150,000. Following federal guidance, grants only reimbursed eligible costs incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Grantees demonstrated how they were negatively impacted by COVID-19 and justify how their project and expenses were related to the pandemic.

**FAST FACTS**
- Total Applications Received: 60
- Total Funds Requested: $6,810,732
- Total Projects Completed: 40
- Total State Investment: $3,784,293.74
- Total Matching Funds: $5,872,696.41
- Average Increase in Processing Capacity (per facility)*: 97%
- Median Increase in Processing Capacity (per facility)*: 58%

*Increases in processing capacity varied due to the step in the process that was measured/invested in. For example: increases in grinding capacity were much larger than those in slaughter.

**COMPLETED PROJECTS**

**JOBS SUPPORTED AND CREATED**

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**PRIMARY FUNDING CATEGORIES**
- Expansion of cooler areas/new freezers/new refrigerator units
- New processing equipment (grinders, meat slicers, patty machines, smokers, meat stuffers, knife additions, etc.)
- Addition of railing systems
- Building remodels/additions/electrical changes
- New storage/transport/etc.
- New packaging equipment
- Protections for employees (PPE, sanitation, etc.)
- Additional labor for projects
- Larger storage pens
- New computers and software
- Better sale displays

**FURTHER NEEDS**
- Upgraded Facilities
- Equipment
- Retail
- Expansion
- New Inspection
- E-Commerce

*Ranked in order of prevalence from report responses

* Data was pulled from applications and final reports submitted by grantees.

March 24, 2021