



Heritage Livestock Microgrant Program

Microgrant Categories:

National Microgrants: Residents and organizations of the U.S. working with livestock and poultry breeds listed on the [Conservation Priority List](#). Support will be provided through this competitive program for a variety of farm-related operations, including, but not limited to, livestock, poultry, processing, milk, meat and egg production and sales, agri-tourism, wool milling, promotions and marketing. Awards typically range from \$500 - \$2,000, at the discretion of The Livestock Conservancy.

Youth Microgrants: This U.S.-based program provides funding for youth projects for individuals 8-18 years of age and are actively working with breeds listed on the [Conservation Priority List](#). Support will be provided through this competitive program for a variety of farm-related operations, including, but not limited to, livestock, poultry, processing, milk, meat and egg production and sales, agri-tourism, wool milling, promotions and marketing. Awards typically range from \$500 - \$2,000, at the discretion of The Livestock Conservancy. veterinary care, and infrastructure. Awards will typically be in the range of \$500 - \$1,000 per application and at the discretion of The Livestock Conservancy.

For full consideration, applicants must:

Work with livestock, poultry, or products from animals on The Livestock Conservancy's Conservation Priority List of heritage breeds, which can be viewed [here](#).

Complete the online application, including a detailed plan for the use of the grant funds, a clear timeline for achieving proposed goals, a summary of how the project will impact both the breed and other producers, and a strategy for how you will evaluate success.

Include two letters of recommendation from a professional relationship or educator. If the applicant is under 18, a letter of support from a parent or guardian is also required. These can be attached within the online application as a PDF, MS Word, or JPEG file. Letters may not be requested of or provided by current staff or board members of The Livestock Conservancy. Microgrant recipients are required to submit a written report on the use and impact of the microgrant funds within one year of accepting the award.

Special consideration will be given to farmers who are active members of their breed association, as well as those farmers who will represent The Livestock Conservancy at local events by displaying heritage animals during the year following receipt of the microgrant.



How can the grant be spent?

Suitable uses of grant funds include the purchase, production, and marketing of heritage breed animals and their products, as well as agri-tourism and product marketing using heritage breeds. Examples of expenditures include, but are not limited to, the purchase of livestock or poultry, producer training programs, fencing, facilities, supplies, and specialized equipment. Funds must be used as stated in the applicant's proposal and may not be used for wages or compensation for individuals. The use of funds inconsistent with the proposal will result in forfeiture of the award and repayment of funds. Receipts for purchases will be required for reimbursement; microgrant recipients may also request purchases be made directly by the Livestock Conservancy. Farmers have one year to use their microgrant funds.

How much is awarded? Microgrants are awarded from \$500 to \$2,000.

When are the next applications due?

Applications are currently open for the next round of awards. The deadline for submission to the National Microgrant and Youth Microgrant is August 16, 2020. There is currently no deadline for Emergency Response Fund grants.

Where to submit applications:

Electronic applications may be submitted using the link at the top of this page. Applicants will need to register for an account within this microgrants system. Note this is NOT connected to a Livestock Conservancy membership account. This is a new account just for submitting microgrant applications.

Please contact info@livestockconservancy.org or (919) 542-5704 with questions.

A paper copy of the application for those without online access may be requested at:

The Livestock Conservancy

Attn: Microgrants

P.O. Box 477

Pittsboro, NC 27312

Paper applications should be submitted to the mailing address above.

Current employees and Directors of The Livestock Conservancy and their spouses are not eligible for the microgrants program, nor may they be used for letters of recommendation.

Qualified applicants will be considered without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, gender identity, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status.

Start planning your project to save rare and endangered livestock breeds from extinction! And check back later this year for the next application.

If you would like to help fund microgrants or other initiatives, please contact The Livestock Conservancy at (919) 542-5704 or at info@LivestockConservancy.org.



Emergency Response Fund applications will be available as funding allows.

- **Emergency Response Fund:** Through the generous contributions of grantors and private individuals, we have secured funding for emergency response assistance, on a case by case basis, to rare breed stewards and organizations. Occasionally **The Livestock Conservancy** is alerted to situations where genetically important animals (individuals or groups) are in danger of being lost to the breed due to environmental catastrophe, global crisis, or owner death or disability. In some of these situations it is appropriate for **The Livestock Conservancy** to provide assistance to assure that they are not lost to the breed. These funds are for emergencies only and it will be up to the discretion of **The Livestock Conservancy** to determine if the project meets our conservation mission. Once an application is received, the genetic importance of the animal or group will be made through pedigree research or historical records, to be accomplished by **The Livestock Conservancy** staff or experts it designates. This will help determine whether rescue is necessary or whether the loss of the animals to the breed is not a threat to the genetic integrity of the breed. Project focus must be with breeds listed on the Conservation Priority List. Funds may be used for purchase of animals, transportation, short term housing, and in some cases short term feed, veterinary care, and infrastructure. Awards will typically be in the range of \$500 - \$1,000 per application and at the discretion of **The Livestock Conservancy**.

