



The grant application period is now open for two new grant opportunities through the Southeast Dairy Business Innovation Initiative (SDBII).

The Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant will provide funds for projects that increase milking parlor throughput to reduce labor costs, improve animal comfort to increase production, and facilitate milk marketing efficiencies by expanding storage and ease of transportation of raw milk. Applicants can apply for up to \$100,000.00 in reimbursable funds through this grant program. \$3.2MM in award funding will be available in this category and around 32 grant awards will be funded under this call. Applicants must provide a cash match of 25% on eligible expenses. Find more information on eligibility and how to apply at: <https://tiny.utk.edu/farm-infrastructure>.

The Precision Technology Investment Grant will support the utilization of new and existing technologies that help farmers track and manage key farm metrics to maximize the impact of inputs like labor, feed, and fertilizer and improve farm efficiency. Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000.00 in funding from this grant program. \$2.13MM in award funding will be available in this category and at least 10 grant awards will be made. Applicants must provide a cash match of 25% of eligible project expenses. Find more information on eligibility and how to apply at: tiny.utk.edu/precision-technology-grant.

Applicants may apply to *either* the **Precision Technology and Management Grant** or the **Farm Infrastructure Improvement Grant** in a calendar year, but not both. **Both grants are due 5:00pm/ET on June 2, 2023.**

SDBII personnel will host an hour-long information session on Thursday, March 2 from 2-3pm/ET via Zoom. For those who register but cannot attend, a recording of the information session will be shared. You can register here: tiny.utk.edu/SDBII-Farm-Grant-Registration

KDDC will be hosting informational sessions on Wednesday, March 8th and Thursday, March 9th. Check www.kydairy.org or our Facebook page **KDDC-Kentucky Dairy Development Council** for locations and times.

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