RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Project Award Descriptions

CAPITAL REGION

DFA Dairy Brands Fluid LLC DBA Garelick Farms NY
Garelick Farms: Creating Robust School Milk Processing Capabilities and Increasing Opportunities for New York State Farmers
Rensselaer, NY – Rensselaer County
Garelick Farms, NY (GFNY) will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to add a chocolate milk processing line to its existing facility. The project will include the purchase and installation of a packing machine, equipment for chocolate/flavored milk processing, conveyors, and other packaging equipment. GFNY and its 900 New York State dairy farmer partners will be able to utilize this expanded processing capacity to facilitate more NYS Grown & Certified milk sales to 21 New York school districts and other institutions.
Grant Award: $1,917,961.00

Farmers Cone Creamery
Upper Hudson Creamery Collective: A Processing & Storage Hub for Small-Scale Dairy and Produce Farms
Schuylerville, NY – Saratoga County
Farmers Cone Creamery will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to enhance cold storage and processing equipment as well as upgrade its electrical, water, and septic systems. This work will enable at least six dairy farmers to increase distribution throughout New York's Upper Hudson, Hudson Valley, Adirondack, and Capital regions.
Grant Award: $ 439,946.42

Klein's Kill Fruit Farms
Klein's Kill Fruit Farm: Post-harvest Fruit & Vegetable Storage and Packing Expansion
Germantown, NY – Columbia County
Klein's Kill Fruit Farms (KKFF) will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to construct a cold storage and modern packing house in the Hudson Valley. The new facility will substantially increase KKFF's capacity to store fresh apples and other produce for extended periods, minimizing post-harvest loss and ensuring a more consistent supply of high-quality, locally grown fruits and vegetables throughout the year. This project will result in greater economic opportunities for at least three local orchards to supply retail and wholesale markets.
Grant Award: $ 1,060,500.00

CENTRAL NEW YORK

Hunter & Hilsberg Corporation
Hunter & Hillsberg Company: Processing Line and Storage Expansion to Increase the Purchasing of Locally Grown Fruit
Homer, NY – Cortland County
Hunter & Hilsberg will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to expand its production of fruit preserves. Cold storage and specialty automated processing and packing equipment will enable the company to add new shelf-stable, low-sugar lines of fruit spreads. This will enable Hunter & Hilsberg to increase its purchase of New York State grown specialty crops, including apples, berries, tomatoes, and stone fruits, such as cherries. With added production capacity, Hunter & Hilsberg can expand into new markets and supply public and private institutions, retailers, and food distribution organizations.
Grant Award: $158,783.69

New Moon Farmstead, LLC
New Moon Farmstead: Creating a New Food Hub for Central NY Producers
Munnsville, NY – Madison County
New Moon Farmstead, LLC will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to update their existing facilities to add a centralized storage and distribution hub and shared-use kitchen in Central New York. The farm will process a wider variety of value-added products, like pickled vegetables, dehydrated fruit leather, and baked goods in the new shared processing kitchen space—supporting increased revenue generation for local farmers through at least 15 new wholesale accounts and institutional buyers.
Grant Award: $ 338,505.75

FINGER LAKES

Cahoon Farms Inc.
Cahoon Farms: Processing Line Expansion to Create Value-Added Applesauce Cups Sourced from Local Farms
Wolcott, NY – Wayne County
Cahoon Farms Inc. will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to install processing and packing equipment to produce locally sourced applesauce cups. This investment will enable processing of an additional 50 million pounds of raw apples annually. The increased production will benefit at least 77 New York State orchards, create new job opportunities, and expand Calhoon Farms' access to new schools, hospitals, and other institutional markets.
Grant Award: $1,338,308.43

Peter & Hanna Martens Farm, LLC
Expanded Bulk Dry Bean & Grain Processing Infrastructure
Penn Yan, NY – Yates County
Peter & Hanna Martens Farm will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to construct a new storage

and packaging facility for USDA Certified Organic dry beans and grains. The construction of a climate-controlled warehouse and expansion of the farm's bulk grain storage will support quality control improvements, including the installation of grain cleaning and packaging equipment for products like chickpeas, adzuki beans, golden flax, and pearled barley. The infrastructure improvements are expected to support an increase in contracted acreage of at least 50% with New York State farmers over the next five years, opening a market channel to regional distributors and institutions.
Grant Award: $322,454.00

LONG ISLAND

West Robbins Oyster Company, LLC
West Robbins Oyster Company: Oyster and Vegetable Post-harvest Grading, Aggregation, and Value-Added Processing
Mattituck, NY – Suffolk County
West Robbins Oyster Company (WROC), LLC will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to construct a new 2,000 square-foot shellfish processing and storage facility on Long Island. The project will allow post-harvest grading, aggregating, and processing of farm-raised oysters, clams, scallops, and organic vegetables by five beginning farmers. WROC's expanded processing and production capacity will increase the availability of new value-added, shelf-stable products such as frozen breaded shellfish and shellfish chowders for distribution to wholesale, retail, and institutional markets.
Grant Award: $632,450.00

MID-HUDSON

Glynwood Center, Inc.
The Granary at Glynwood: Critical Market Development for New Entry Producers
Cold Spring, NY – Putnam County
The Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to renovate several existing structures into the "Granary at Glynwood." The new facility will provide critical aggregation, storage, co-packing, and distribution services for entry-level,

small-scale, Certified Organic grain producers—distributing grain from at least 44 regional organic farms to 30 markets including bakers, chefs, and other buyers.
Grant Award: $ 323,852

Kaye Ranch LLC
Kaye Ranch: Creating a Food Hub by Expanding Infrastructure and Collaboration in the Hudson Valley
Millerton, NY – Dutchess County
Kaye Ranch will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to enhance food processing, storage, aggregation, and distribution in Dutchess County. This collaborative project includes constructing two connected processing facilities with climate-controlled storage and wash and pack equipment, as well as a commercial kitchen to help meet critical supply chain needs for at least 15 local farms. Kaye Ranch will create new jobs, produce over 25 new value-added products, and increase market opportunities with regional distributors, school districts, restaurants, community food access organizations, and other wholesale buyers.
Grant Award: $ 2,221,380.27

Livingston Manor Central School District
Livingston Manor Central School District: Farm to School Bread Project in Sullivan County
Livingston Manor, NY – Sullivan County
Livingston Manor School District will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to expand its bread production. With new convection ovens and other bakery equipment, the school district will be able to source more local flour and other ingredients to produce bread products for school meals. Livingston Manor School District plans to bake bread for distribution to other school districts across Sullivan County as well, advancing a State goal of procuring at least 30% of school food from New York farmers. The collective increase in demand will make local flour more competitive in the region, lowering costs for the schools and increasing profits for producers.
Grant Award: $125,682.00

R&R Producer Growers LLC
R&R Produce Aggregation and Distribution Hub: Catalyzing an Orange County Food System
New Hampton, NY – Orange County
R&R Produce will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to build a state-of-the-art wash and pack facility. By renovating an existing barn, expanding cold storage, and installing efficient

wash/pack lines, the project will double R&R Produce's capacity to serve as a regional food hub for the aggregation, processing, and distribution of fresh fruit and vegetables from Orange County farmers. These upgrades support R&R Produce's collaboration with at least seven small farm partners to expand to new wholesale and institutional markets across New York State.
Grant Award: $ 197,910

NEW YORK CITY

Brooklyn Packers
Strengthening Farm-to-City Foodways Through Expanded Cold Storage & Distribution Infrastructure
Brooklyn, NY – Kings County
Brooklyn Packers will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to strengthen connections between Hudson Valley growers and market demand in New York City. In partnership with the Chester Agricultural Center, the project will invest in facility upgrades at two produce aggregation hubs in Hudson Valley and Brooklyn, NY and processing, packing, cold storage, and distribution equipment. The strategically located facilities will help 30 New York State small-scale producers access more community meal programs, institutions, and retail channels that are in need of fresh, locally grown produce across New York City.
Grant Award: $1,252,793.40

Wildkale.com Inc.
Wild Kale: Expanded Frozen Entree and Baked Good Production Processing and Packaging
New York, NY – New York County
Wildkale.com Inc. will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to install infrastructure for developing new product lines that utilize New York State grains, beans, cheese, and produce. The business will partner with local manufacturers to install new equipment to produce muffins, empanadas, burritos, and other value-added products with over 51% of ingredients sourced from New York producers. Infrastructure improvements will also enhance Wildkale.com's capacity to conduct laboratory pathogen and allergen testing, product and package testing, shelf-life testing, labeling compliance, and recall plans. The project will support at least ten New York State farms and provide healthy food options to school children across the state.
Grant Award: $ 877,309.00

NORTH COUNTRY

Essex Food Hub, Inc.
Essex Food Hub: Strengthening Food Resilience Along New York's Eastern Corridor by Expanding Aggregation, Processing and Distribution Capacity
Westport, NY – Essex County
Essex Food Hub (EFH) will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to renovate its warehouse and processing facility and expand its distribution fleet. EFH will outfit a commercial kitchen, install new dry, cold, and frozen storage, build a fermentation room, and acquire two refrigerated box trucks—increasing its aggregation and distribution capacity by 40 percent. The project will benefit more than 70 local small farms, enable new partnerships with other regional distributors, and expand sales of value-added products like sauerkraut and low-sugar granola to wholesale and institutional market opportunities across the Eastern Corridor of New York.
Grant Award: $ 863,739.81

Headwater Foods, Inc.
Headwater Foods Inc.: Project Upstream-Upgrading Food Hub Capacity for NY Producers
Ontario, NY – Wayne County
Headwater Food, Inc. will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to outfit a new 20,000 square foot food hub facility. This larger warehouse space, which includes more functional loading bays and climate-controlled storage, will replace Headwater Food's previous facility to better serve more than 230 New York dairy farms and produce growers. With specialty equipment and advanced inventory management technology, the new facility will enable Headwater to cost-effectively aggregate more products while creating greater market access to 612 institutional customers.
Grant Award: $ 1,016,119.00

SOUTHERN TIER

Buttermilk Bean, LLC
Buttermilk Bean: Creating support for staple crop markets for local New York State organic farmers
Ithaca, NY – Tompkins County
Buttermilk Bean, LLC will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to expand dry bean and other

staple crop cleaning and storage in the Finger Lakes region. The project will construct a new 50 x 70 foot uninsulated facility with sorting, drying, and bagging equipment for shared use by at least 15 small- and medium-scale organic farmers in the region. Buttermilk Bean anticipates a five-fold increase in new market opportunities with retailers and regional distributors for dry beans and popcorn products.
Grant Award: $137,440.00

Catskills Agrarian Alliance Inc.
Catskills Agrarian Alliance: Expanding Value-Added Processing and Aggregation in the Western Catskills
Hamden, NY – Delaware County
Catskills Agrarian Alliance (CAA) will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to build a barn structure that will serve as a multi-use warehouse in the Western Catskills. This facility will feature a storage space, wash/pack station, and commercial kitchen in service of at least 28 partner farms, including sixteen from Otsego County, ten from Schoharie County, and two from Greene County. The project will result in increased revenue and expanded market opportunities with school districts and community food distributors across New York State.
Grant Award: $ 418,976.00

WESTERN NY

Providence Farm Collective Corporation
Providence Farm: Supporting Producers Through Expanded Middle-of-Supply-Chain Capacity
Orchard Park, NY – Erie County
Providence Farm Collective Corp (PFC) will establish an agreement with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Farm and Food Growth Fund to install modern cold storage and palletized dry storage. In optimizing warehouse space and enhancing food safety practices, PFC will increase produce shelf-life and quality, reduce food loss, and triple sales – helping 40 small-scale specialty crop producers increase revenue through at least six new wholesale and institutional markets in western New York.
Grant Award: $100,002.00