

Grant Resources to Grow your Food and Agriculture Business



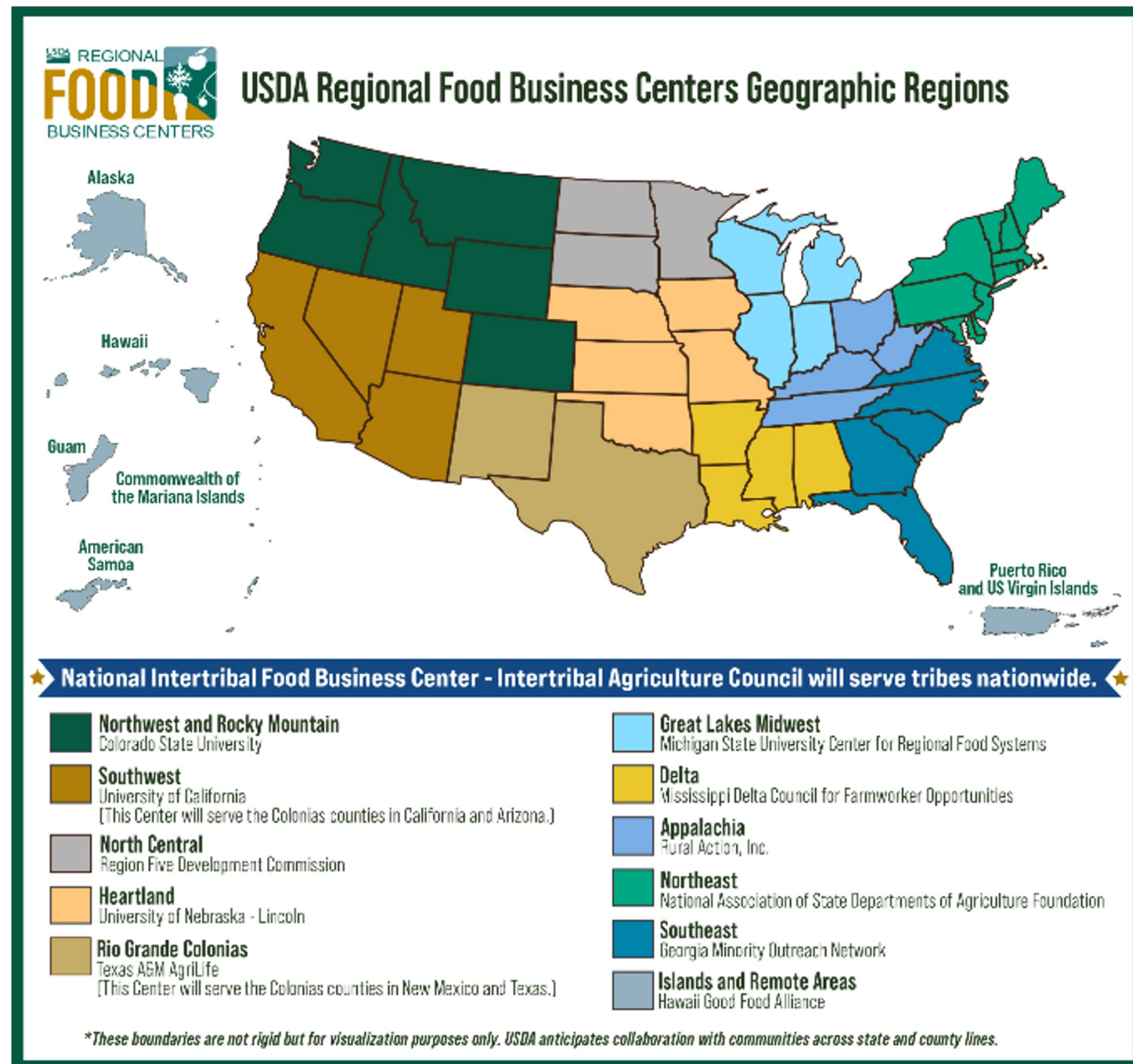
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Support a more resilient and competitive food system by providing localized assistance to local and regional supply chain, linking producers to wholesalers and distributors, selling into institutions, retail and others.

Centers have three main responsibilities:

- Coordination
- Technical Assistance
- Capacity Building





Connecting, Strengthening and Scaling Food Supply Chains in the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Region

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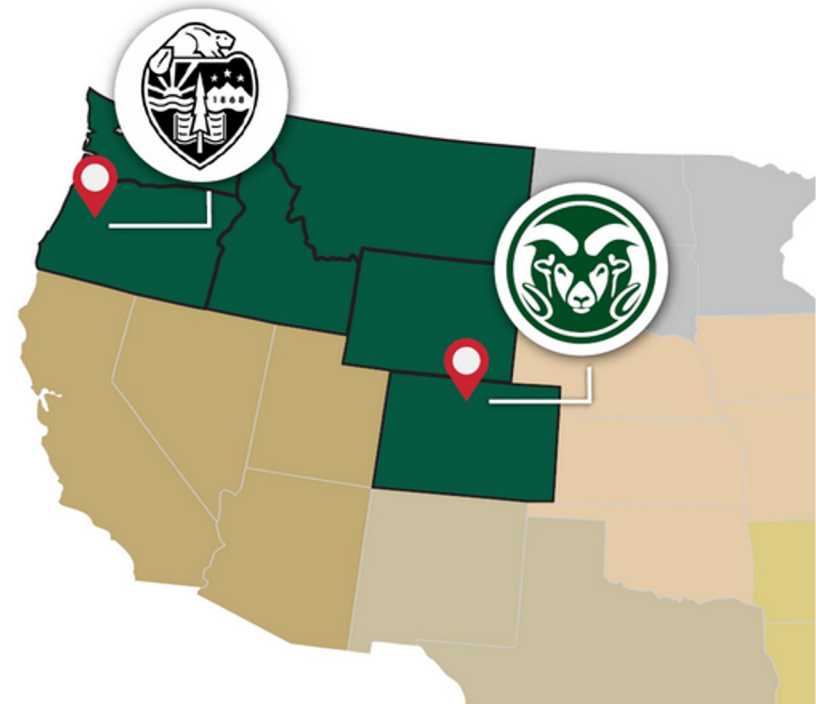
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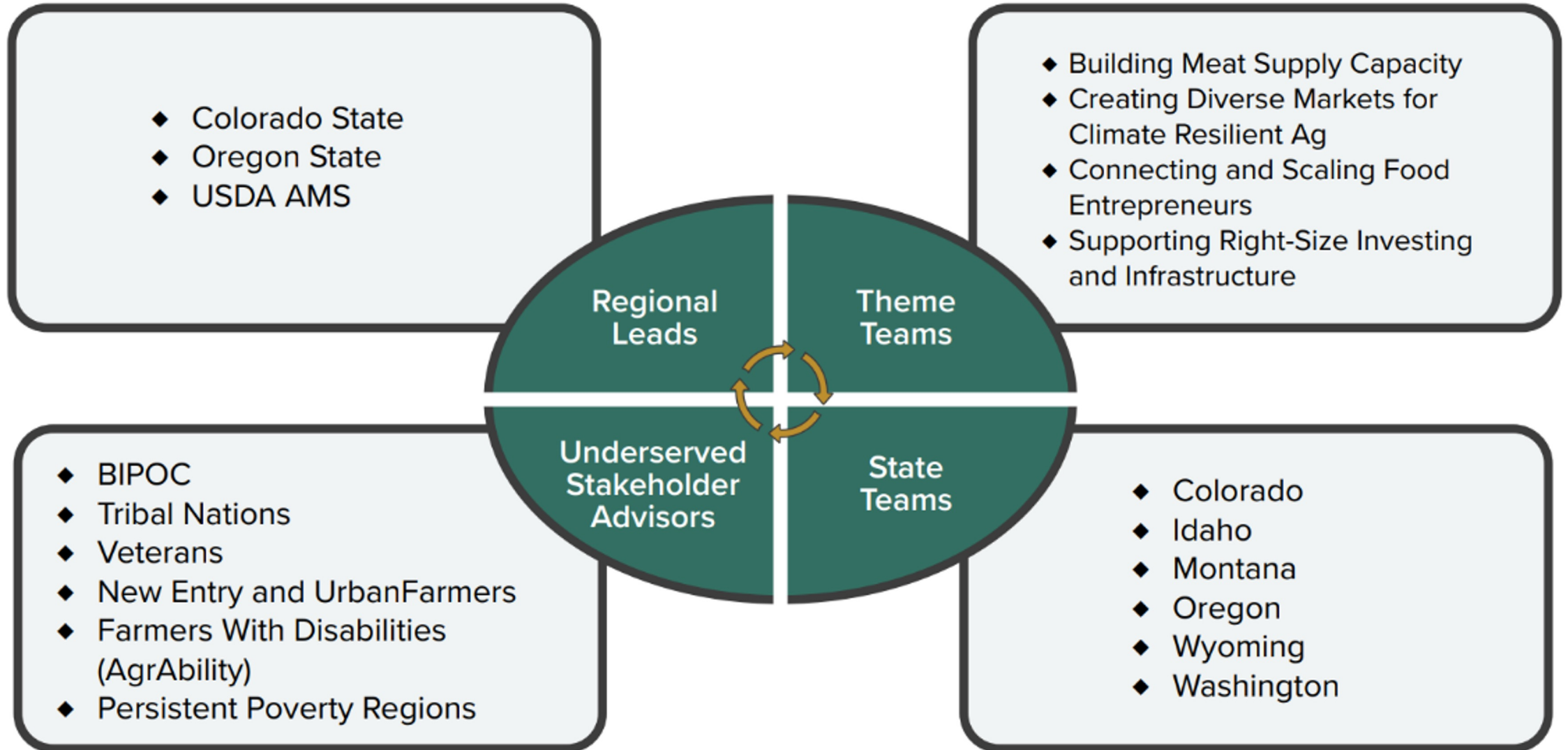
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Co-led by Colorado State University and Oregon State University, the Northwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center works across the western states of Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

The Center supports farm, ranch and food businesses, as well as broader food supply chain enterprises.



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USDA Resilient Food System Infrastructure



The purpose of the Program is to assist states and territories to build resilience in the middle of the supply chain and strengthen local and regional food systems by creating new revenue streams for producers. An emphasis will be made to fund projects that benefit small and emerging farms and food businesses from historically excluded groups.



Agricultural producers or processors, non-profits, local governments, Tribal governments, institutions (schools, universities, hospitals)



Simplified equipment grants only: \$10,000 - \$100,000
Infrastructure projects: \$100,000 - \$2,000,000
Disbursement-based



Infrastructure projects: January 1, 2024 – February 28, 2024
Simplified equipment grants: February 1, 2024 – February 28, 2024



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USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant



To enhance the competitiveness of U.S. specialty crops in either domestic or international markets by marketing, promoting the consumption of, or conducting research on specialty crops.



Eligible crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, nursery crops and more. Projects must benefit more than one producer, individual or organization. Non-profits, Higher Education, government entities, producer associations and more.



\$1.9 million was awarded for the 2023 fiscal year. Matching strongly recommended.



Grant cycle will opening in December 1, 2024 – January 31, 2024 grant terms are 2.5 years. Award ranges from \$25,000 - \$175,000



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Willamette Farm and Food Coalition, 2023 - 2024 grantee

Willamette Farm and Food Coalition will develop multiple partnerships in support of Specialty Crop producers throughout Lane County Oregon to increase access to and consumption of locally grown food by both individual consumers and institutions, particularly school districts.



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Farm to School Producer E & I Grant



To encourage the success of the ODE Farm to Child Nutrition Program, ODA provides funds for equipment and infrastructure to persons who intend to sell food produced or processed in Oregon to schools, early care centers, summer food program sponsors, and tribal food programs.



Person(s) who borrow, leases, rents or owns land on which crops are cultivated or livestock raised, seafood harvesters, Oregon food manufacturer



\$500,000, small equipment track for 2023-2025, disbursement based, supports low and no capital farms and businesses



Anticipate grant cycle opening in November 2023, grant term is ~18 months. Tiered matching requirement.



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Deck Family Farm 2021- 2023 grantee

Grow sales of pasture poultry products (ground and parted) to schools by installing equipment to scale production of broilers, meat grinder, and license facility for 20,000 bird state exemption.



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Oregon Meat Processing Grant



To improve infrastructure and operating capacity of Oregon meat processors by making equipment upgrades, physical improvements, technical assistance, on-site waste handling and training.



Must be facility located in Oregon or planning to during grant period, registered to do business in Oregon or fall under jurisdiction of a tribal government.



\$8.0 million is available for the 2023-2025 biennium. Disbursement-based. Eligible facilities may request up to \$750,000 in funds. No match requirement.



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The Meating Place, newly ODA inspected facility



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