

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Solution for Funding Opportunity Announcement”

TITLE: The Bison Production and Marketing Grant Program (BPMGP)

USDA Agency: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Alignment with Information Collection Package: (Check one)

☐ One-Time Pilot Program.

☒ One-Time Funding Announcement of New Program.

Purpose: USDA is required by 2 CFR 200.204 to announce discretionary grants and cooperative agreements and other financial assistance programs through public announcement. This includes announcements for pilot programs and **one-time funding programs**.

The Bison Production and Marketing Grant Program (BPMGP) is authorized under Title VII section 764 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (Public Law 118—42). There is no indication that this will be funded as an ongoing program, so USDA is treating it as one-time funding announcement.

The purpose of BPMGP is to support projects that strengthen and enhance the production and marketing of bison and bison products in the United States, including business and resource development and the advancement of innovative approaches to solve long-term needs.

The information received through this collection will be used to evaluate the applications seeking funding under through this program. Eligible entities that would be subject to this collection if they complete a grant application include Agricultural Businesses or Cooperatives: Producer Networks or Associations, Nonprofit Corporations, Economic Development Corporations, and Tribal Governments certified by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for the special programs and services provided through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The total estimated burden hours for completing a single BPMGP application is 9.25 hours. The total estimated burden hours for this collection is 277.50 hours. Grant applicants are required to submit their information via Grants.gov. Information collected as part of this one-time grant program includes completion of the Standardized Federal application forms named in the burden chart below, and the narrative questions found in the RFA. The burden for each of the already approved forms are outlined below and AMS staff is available to assist applicants and recipients if they have questions pertaining to the required information.

The affected public for this collection is limited to those entities and individuals that choose to apply for a grant. The number of estimated applicants is estimated to be 30 or less. Individuals or households will not be responding to this collection. The public beneficiaries of the work completed by the respondents that are selected as grantees include Bison producers and processors, and the general public who will benefit from the grow in supply and demand of Bison products.

Announcement Dates: December 2024/January 2025

Type of Collection: (Check one)

☒ Grant.

☐ Cooperative agreement.

☐ Other: _____

How will information collected be submitted to the agency?

☒ Grants.gov

☐ Other: _____

Does the agency need to collect information, such as progress reports, beyond the expiration of this generic ICR (November 2025)? If so, will the agency be submitting a regular ICR package?

☐ Yes. Any new forms will be merged into our previously approved ICR package (0581-0240).

☒ No. It is highly unlikely that there will be more than 5 applicants will be awarded a grant. If that turns out not to be the case, any new forms will be merged into our previously approved ICR package (0581-0240).

Announcement:

☐ Notice of Funding of Opportunity (NOFO)

☒ Grants.gov Announcement

☐ Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

☒ Request for Application (RFA)

☐ Notice of Funding of Announcement (NOFA) (Announced in the Federal Register)

☐ Notice of Solicitation of Application (NOSA)

☐ Notice of Awards

☐ Other Funding Announcement Types: _____

Is the agency asking any questions of a sensitive nature? If yes, provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. Include the reasons justifying why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

☐ Yes. ☒ No.

If yes, additional info: N/A

Certification:

I certify this grant or cooperative agreement to be true:

☒ Yes. ☐ No.

Burden Hours, Formats, and Reporting

Brief description of information being collected (project summary, NOA, etc.)	Forms number	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per respondent	Total Annual Responses	Burden hours per responses	Total Annual Burden Hours
Request for Applications (RFA) (Includes Narrative Questions)	None	30	1	30	4	120
SUB-TOTAL		30	1	30	4	120

SF-424 Mandatory Family Forms						
Application for Federal Assistance SF 424	SF-424	30	1	30	2	60
Budget document non-Construction SF-424a	SF-424a	30	1	30	2	60
Project Abstract Summary	N /A	30	1	30	1	30
Assurances for non-Construction SF-424b	N/A	30	1	30	.25	7.50
SUB-TOTAL					5.25	157.50
GRAND TOTAL					9.25	277.50