

Funding Opportunities

Funding Assistance Programs to Reduce Feedstock Production Risk

While this list is not comprehensive, the below U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs offer assistance for feedstock production. Note that these programs and initiatives are subject to congressional appropriation.

- **Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC)**
 - The FCIC program offers insurance to producers of eligible biomass to reduce the risk burden on farmers. For more information on the program and eligible crops, refer to the [USDA FCIC](#) website.
- **Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) – Farm Bill, Section 9011**
 - The BCAP program offers financial assistance to persons who own or operate agricultural or industrial property who would like produce or transport biomass feedstocks. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [USDA BCAP](#) website.
- **Biorefinery Assistance Program (BAP) – Farm Bill, Section 9003**
 - The BAP program offers loan guarantees for demonstration- and commercial-scale biorefinery development, construction, and retrofitting. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [BAP](#) website.
- **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) – 2007**
 - The REAP program offers grants and loan guarantees for the purchase of new renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements to agricultural producers. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [REAP](#) website.
- **Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels – Farm Bill, Section 9005**
 - This program offers funding to support the production of advanced biofuels and other fuels produced with biomass other than corn kernel starch. For more information and eligibility requirements, contact your [State Rural Development Office](#).
- **Biomass Research and Development Initiative (BRDI) – Farm Bill, Section 9008**
 - The BRDI grant program provides funding under three main topic areas including feedstock production, biofuel and other biomass-based product production, and biofuels production analysis. For more information on the initiative and eligibility requirements, refer to the [BRDI](#) webpage.
- **Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program (B&I)**
 - The B&I program provides loan guarantees for rural businesses for purposes such as: business and industrial acquisitions, debt refinancing, equipment purchase, land purchase and development, and business conversion or development. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [B&I](#) website.
- **Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG)**
 - The REDLG program provides funding to local utility organizations to then provide zero-interest loans and grants for local projects that further economic development in rural areas. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [REDLG](#) website.

- **Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)**
 - The IRP program offers one percent low-interest loans to rural businesses (through intermediaries) to improve local economies and create jobs. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [IRP](#) website.
- **Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)**
 - The RBDG program provides funding to support the growth of small and emerging rural businesses for training, technical assistance, and other purposes. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [RBDG](#) website.
- **Value-Added Producer Grant Program (VAPG)**
 - The VAPG program assists agricultural producers in entering into or expanding their value-add activities. Both planning grants and working capital grants are available. For more information on the program and eligibility requirements, refer to the [USDA VAPG](#) website.

The U.S. Department of Defense also provides some funding programs that may assist feedstock producers.

- **Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III Program**
 - The DPA program provides funding to projects and manufacturers that produce materials used in U.S. defense activities, including advanced drop-in biofuels. Funding opportunities are announced through periodic Funding Opportunity Announcements on FedBizOpps.gov. For more information on the program, refer to the [DPA](#) website.