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## **Regional Food Systems Infrastructure Grant Recipients**

**Phoenix, AZ** - The Arizona Department of Agriculture is excited to announce the recipients of the [USDA-AMS Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure](#) (RFSI) grant program funding for 2025. Arizona food producers were awarded a total of \$2,398,419.00 in funding. These projects include infrastructure awards, and equipment-only awards aimed at strengthening the capacity and economic viability of a statewide resilient food system.

**Recipient Name:** White Mountain Apache Tribe  
**Award Amount:** \$594,701.00  
**RFSI Grant Type:** Infrastructure Grant  
**County Served:** Navajo  
**Project Title:** Ndee Bikiyaa (The People's Farm): Transforming Local Apache Food Systems

**Recipient Name:** Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture Institute  
**Award Amount:** \$271,554.00  
**RFSI Grant Type:** Infrastructure Grant  
**County Served:** Navajo, Apache  
**Project Title:** Hopi Regional Food System Essential Infrastructure Development Program

**Recipient Name:** Sun Produce Cooperative  
**Award Amount:** \$448,148.00  
**RFSI Grant Type:** Infrastructure Grant  
**County Served:** Santa Cruz, Cochise, Mohave, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai, Maricopa, Coconino  
**Project Title:** Sun Produce Growing a Resilient Local Food Distribution System in Arizona

**Recipient Name:** Forestdale Farm  
**Award Amount:** \$189,353.00  
**RFSI Grant Type:** Infrastructure Grant  
**County Served:** Navajo, Yavapai, Coconino  
**Project Title:** Rural Arizona Food Hub Partnership: Enhancing Emergency Food Networks and Distribution Channels in Distressed Areas

**Arizona RFSI Equipment-Only Grant Projects**

**Recipient Name: Gisela Goods LLC**  
**Award Amount: \$33,590.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Gila**  
**Project Title: Gisela Goods Cooler Trailer: Increasing Market Opportunities for New and Existing Local Producers**

**Recipient Name: Blooming Reed Farm**  
**Award Amount: \$98,311.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Coconino, Navajo, Yavapai, Maricopa**  
**Project Title: Blooming Reed Farm Refrigerated Van to Maintain and Expand Local Produce Distribution in Northern Arizona**

**Recipient Name: Roots Ranch Egg Processing**  
**Award Amount: \$99,808.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Pinal, Gila, Yuma, Navajo, Maricopa**  
**Project Title: Roots Ranch Egg Processing: Cold Storage Coordination and Distribution**

**Recipient Name: The Orchard Community Learning Center**  
**Award Amount: \$68,313.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Maricopa**  
**Project Title: Orchard Community Learning Center: Increase Farm-to-Market Opportunities in South Phoenix with access to Cold Storage**

**Recipient Name: Pivot Produce**  
**Award Amount: \$41,681.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Pima, Cochise, Maricopa, Graham, Yuma, Santa Cruz, Pinal, Yavapai, Greenlee**  
**Project Title: Pivot Produce Raising Arizona - A Forklift for Locally Grown Produce**

**Recipient Name: Hillside Farms LLC**  
**Award Amount: \$98,044.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Yuma**  
**Project Title: Hillside Farms Certified Mobile Kitchen Expands Access to Market Opportunities for Small Farms and Producers**

**Recipient Name: Hayden Flour Mills LLC**  
**Award Amount: \$69,015.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Maricopa, Pinal, Pima**  
**Project Title: Hayden Flour Mills Optimize Food Production Efficiency and Market Sustainability for High Value Specialty Grains**

**Recipient Name: The Local Co-op**  
**Award Amount: \$90,422.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**  
**County Served: Cochise**  
**Project Title: Local Co-op Reaching More of Our Community to Strengthen Cochise County Food Economy Through Cooperation**

**Recipient Name: Iskashitaa Refugee Network**  
**Award Amount: \$52,000.00**  
**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**

**County Served: Cochise, Pima, Navajo**

**Project Title: IRN Enhancing Refugee Integration and Food Security: Strengthening Arizona's Food Systems with Resilient Infrastructure.**

**Recipient Name: TigerMountain Foundation**

**Award Amount: \$77,212.00**

**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**

**County Served: Maricopa**

**Project Title: TigerMountain Foundation wheels of change drive to increase local production and revenue for under-served farmers and communities**

**Recipient Name: Luna de Sonora Herb Company LLC**

**Award Amount: \$12,225.00**

**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**

**County Served: Navajo**

**Project Title: Luna de Sonora Farm Initiates Southern Arizona Grain and Bean PACT: Processing, Aggregating, Cleaning and Threshing**

**Recipient Name: Rosebird Gardens LLC**

**Award Amount: \$100,000.00**

**RFSI Grant Type: Equipment-only Grant**

**County Served: Mohave, Coconino, Yavapai**

**Project Title: Rosebird Farms Cold Chain Capacity Building for Distribution of Local Food to Wholesale Buyers in Northern Arizona**