

# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & INDUSTRIES

## Seafood Processors Pandemic Response and Safety (SPRS) Block Grant Program - Self-Certification and Assurances

In applying for Federal assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries (ADAI), I certify that the following are true.  
(Initial each statement)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am an eligible recipient of assistance under the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021, Pub. L. 116-260. Processor means the owner, operator, dealer, or agent responsible for any activity that changes the physical condition of a fisheries resource suitable for human consumption, retail sale, industrial uses, or long-term storage, including cooking, canning, smoking, salting, drying, shucking, filleting, freezing, or rendering into meal or oil. Any entity exclusively gutting, gilling, heading, or icing seafood without performing any of the above activities is not considered a processor. At-sea processor means a vessel or other platform that floats and can be moved from one location to another, whether in State waters or water of the exclusive economic zone, receiving fish and operating as a processor. Dealer means an entity that first receives fish by way of purchase and sells directly to restaurants, markets, other dealers, processors, or consumers without substantially altering the product.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have proper expenditure receipts/records for all protective measures being requested for reimbursement and am supplying such with this application; annotate which costs they are asking to be considered for funding on the receipts (i.e., highlight applicable line items).
- \_\_\_\_\_ The processor's or dealer's physical business location is a commercially-zoned area;
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not de-barred from receiving federal funds nor am I on the government "do not pay list";
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a minor;
- \_\_\_\_\_ I attest to only submitting an application requesting reimbursement from the state of Alabama for this SPRS grant;
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to maintain these records for a period of no less than three (3) years after the close of the primary grant award to ADAI. Records must be made available upon request from the primary grantee, USDA, or ADAI.

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Please use the *Applicant Data Page* provided to assist in filling in the information below:

Requested Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The above requested amount totals all protective measures purchased from January 27, 2020 through December 31, 2021 in preparing for, preventing exposure to, and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic as an eligible recipient of assistance under the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021, Pub. L. 116-260.

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Should the applicant receive reimbursement to mitigate the financial burden of purchasing protective measures to respond to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as allowed under CAA Pub. L. 116-260, any other financial assistance received will not be used to support or fund any portion this SPRS program covers. This program will not provide financial reimbursement for expenditures that are reimbursed by other sources. Applicants who previously received financial assistance due to lost fishery revenue through the CARES Act (Pub. L. 116-136) and/or CAA Pub. L 116-260 are eligible to apply to this SPRS program.

The applicant must provide expenditure receipts/records to verify the reimbursement request. Expenditures that cover periods of time outside of January 27, 2020 through December 31, 2021 will not be considered. Applications that do not have accompanying expenditure receipts/records at the time of the application deadline will not be considered. **ADAI will determine the maximum award amount for all SPRS approved applicants based on the total amount of federal funding allocated to ADAI for this program and the total number of approved applicants.**

This three-page application, and accompanying expenditure receipts/records, can be submitted by mail (address at bottom of page, addressed to “DMFM – SPRS Grant”) or email to [SPRSgrant@agj.alabama.gov](mailto:SPRSgrant@agj.alabama.gov) Documents must be post marked on or before **May 27, 2022** or received electronically by ADAI by **May 27, 2022** at 11:59pm CST. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications received outside of the specified application period will not be considered.

By signing this affidavit and applying for assistance as an eligible recipient as allowable under CAA Pub. L. 116-260, the applicant agrees to maintain these records for a period of no less than three (3) years after the close of the primary grant award. Records must be made available upon request from the USDA and/or ADAI. All CAA Pub. L. 116-260 payments are subject to audit by ADAI. ADAI may contact the applicant if more information is required.

By signing this affidavit, the applicant declares that they have read and understand the contents of this application. Additionally, the applicant affirms the information they provided on this application is correct to the best of their knowledge. Attempts to obtain federal grant money by attesting to false information may result in civil liability or criminal prosecution under federal or state law. I understand that at a minimum, I will be required to repay any funds I received through the SPRS program based on false information.

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Seafood Processor/Dealer/Authorized Representative Signature

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Date

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Last,

First

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(Please Print)

## Applicant Data Page

**Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business's Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Seafood Dealer License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the contact information I have provided above is accurate.

Please provide, to the nearest dollar, the amount you or your business have spent in preparing for, preventing exposure to, and responding COVID-19 for the below expenditure categories. Please note that you must supply expenditure receipts/records for all items being requested for reimbursement by annotating each allowable cost. Applications must be postmarked or received electronically by **May 27, 2022 at 11:59pm CST. Please include a copy of your Seafood Dealers License.**

If you have questions, please email [SPRSgrant@agi.alabama.gov](mailto:SPRSgrant@agi.alabama.gov) or call ADAI at 334-240-3877.

<b>Expenditure Category</b>	<b>Requested Reimbursement (\$)</b>
<p><b><u>Workplace Safety Measures</u></b> Examples: personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitizer, hand washing stations, air filters, thermometers, cleaning supplies, or similar items.</p>	
<p><b><u>Market Pivots</u></b> Examples: transition to virtual/online sales costs (online platform development and fees, online marketing, credit card processing fees), supplies, new signage.</p>	
<p><b><u>Facility Retrofitting</u></b> Examples: retrofitting harvester vessels for onboard vessel processing to maximize open-air activities, plexiglass, walk up windows, heat lamps, fans, tents, propane, weights, tables, chairs.</p>	
<p><b><u>Transportation</u></b> Examples: Additional transportation costs incurred to maintain social distancing, new transportation routes.</p>	
<p><b><u>Worker Housing</u></b> Examples: Additional worker housing costs incurred to maintain social distancing or to allow for quarantining of new or exposed employees.</p>	
<p><b><u>Medical</u></b> Examples: Unreimbursed costs associated with providing or enabling vaccinations, testing, or healthcare treatment of infected employees, including any paid leave.</p>	
<p><b>Total Requested Reimbursement</b> (ADAI will determine the maximum amount an approved grantee may receive.)</p>	

**By signing below, I swear or affirm that the information that is shown on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the registration and approval process within Alabama Buys is required before a payment can be issued.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Alabama Buys**

- All applicants prior to receiving SPRS grant funds must be registered with Alabama Buys
  - o <https://alabamabuys.gov/page.aspx/en/usr/login?ReturnUrl=%2fpage.aspx%2fen%2fbuy%2fhomepage>

### **Get Support:**

If you need help with your account, training resources and a help desk are available.

- Access the [Alabama Buys Supplier Support](#) Website to view Frequently Asked Questions, launch training videos or view documentation to help you access, navigate, and troubleshoot.
  - If you need additional assistance, please contact the **Alabama Buys Help Desk** at: [alabamabuys@purchasing.alabama.gov](mailto:alabamabuys@purchasing.alabama.gov) or 1-334-353-0700.
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- **NOTE: ADAI is not responsible for an applicant's registration and approval process within Alabama Buys**