

## Farm Vitality Program Back for 2nd Round of Funding

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A second round of a Pennsylvania grant program will help fund farming succession plans to keep family farms a viable link in the chain of food supply throughout the world.

The [Farm Vitality Planning Grant](#) program helps fund professional services for those planning for the future of a farm, according to a press release from the state. The grant aims to "enhance the long-term health and vitality of Pennsylvania's farms through sound business planning, efficient transitions of farm ownership, strategic farm expansion, diversification of agricultural production, and financial and technical expertise," the release states.

Each grant can be as much as \$7,500 per farm, and is limited to 75% of the project costs. Applications for the fund are available now and funding will be available until the program has been exhausted.

The grant is funded through the [Pennsylvania Farm Bill](#), passed by the state in 2019. The bill continues to provide funding for numerous grant and loan programs that help all of the state's agriculture industry, from small family farms to companies with hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue. Contact anyone in the [Barley Snyder Food & Agribusiness Industry Group](#) for more detailed information on the bill.

During the first round of funding of the Farm Vitality Planning Grant, Barley Snyder worked with family farm owners both on the application to receive the grant funding, and then the process of transferring the farm to the next generation of the family. Please [contact me](#) if you have any questions about the program, if you want to apply for funding or if you would like assistance in transferring your family farm to the next generation.

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