**Value Added Producer Grant Program**

**When: February 3, 17, March 3**

**Time: 6:00-7:30pm Cost: No Charge**

**Registration:** <https://cnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/event.php?id=1486>

**Are you interested in learning about Value Added Producer Grants through the USDA? Join CCE Educators for a 3 session program brought to you by:**

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**Wednesday, February 3rd from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – What is VAPG?**

Presenters: Myron Thurston and Nicole Tommell

Description: Have you ever thought about applying for a Value Added Producer Grant through the USDA? Did you know that you could get up to $75,000 to pay for planning costs or up to $250,000 in capital costs associated with expanding value added products on your farm? This session will explain the basics of what the Value Added Producer Grant is, how it works, and what types of information you will need to fill out the extensive application form.

**Wednesday, February 17th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – How do I apply for VAPG?**

Presenters: Helen Madden, Bonnie Collins, Marty Broccoli

Description: Now you have decided to apply for a Value Added Producer Grant. How do you fill out the application? How do you make your application as appealing as possible to the person who will review it? This session will outline the process of writing and submitting the Value Added Producer Grant. Our team of experts will walk through the application and make suggestions on how to make your application as strong as possible.

**Wednesday, March 3rd from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM – How are VAPG applications selected for funding?**

Presenters: Liz Higgins

Description: Your application is ready but you want to be sure that you have included all the right information. What is that information? What will the person that is reviewing your grant application be looking for and how is that application scored? This session will be led by someone who has reviewed VAPG applications and can give some insight on what types of applications get funded. We will also discuss what the funding process looks like.

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