



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business Cooperative Service

[Docket No. RBS-26-BUSINESS-0463]

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration (AIC) Program 2026

AGENCY: Rural Business Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBCS or the Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the acceptance of Applications for the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration (AIC) Program for fiscal year (FY) 2026. In future years this funding opportunity will only be announced on the Agency website and grants.gov, without a Federal Register notice. Therefore, in future years, neither the funding opportunity nor reference to the funding opportunity in grants.gov will appear in the Federal Register. Please make note of this change in location of the funding announcement in your records.

DATES: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]

ADDRESSES: Full funding notice is available on grants.gov. Program guidance is available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The full text of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available on the Agency website and on grants.gov using Funding Opportunity Number RBCS-2026-AIC or Assistance Listing Number 10.377.

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