



ASI



WOOL PRESS GRANT PROGRAM

2020/2021 Information & Application

Incomplete applications are not eligible for funding.

ASI is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

ABOUT THE WOOL PRESS PROGRAM

As domestic and international freight costs are a significant expense to the U.S. wool industry, the ASI Wool Council has developed a Wool Press Grant Program to incentivize the purchase and production of U.S. wool presses as well as minimize wool freight costs. Producing ideal bale weights that maximize the weight of wool on a truck or container, but are not too heavy to move with warehouse/farm equipment, will be encouraged.

This project aims to encourage the use of presses that are capable of consistently producing ideal bale weights and emphasizes the importance of proper wool bale weights to producers/shearers/warehousemen/pools and co-ops.

ASI has allocated \$10,000 for this program for fiscal year 2021. Two grants of \$5,000 will be approved to build the presses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Those in the U.S. wool industry who are interested in building or contracting a third-party (within the U.S.) to build a wool press that meets the program requirements. Priority of grants will be given in the following order:

1. Shearing crew contractors
2. Individual shearers
3. Past program applicants
4. Warehouses
5. Other individuals

PROGRAM PROCESS OUTLINE

- Total program funding: \$10,000
- Deadline for submitting applications: 12/1/2020 (by COB)
- Anticipated award/acceptance date: 12/15/2020
- Submission of final documentation: On or before 08/1/2021
- Payment is made after verifying all requirements have been met: 30-days after verification

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Participants must sufficiently demonstrate that the press:
 - Was made in the U.S.
 - For assistance finding a press fabricator in the U.S., please contact the ASI Office at (303) 771-3500 X102.
 - Produces an average bale weight between 400-500 lbs.
 - Produces uniform bale shape and dimension of 32"x32"x52"
 - Press must have safety features (for instance a horizontal press - a lockout system)
- Participants are required to provide documentation of actual expenses.
- Participants are required to use the provided stickers with the "American Wool Council" logo and phrase "Paid for in part by the American Sheep Industry Association" for accreditation in all educational materials including signage, presentations, websites, etc.

PROGRAM PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

1. Application

- a. Complete an application before December 1, 2020.
- b. Send your proposal via fax, e-mail or mail to the ASI office by the application deadline.
Fax: 303-771-8200
E-mail: heather@sheepusa.org
Mail: ASI; 9785 Maroon Circle, Suite 360; Englewood, CO 80112

2. Review

- a. Proposals will be reviewed by an assigned working group from the ASI Wool Council and ASI staff. Ranking and funding recommendations are based on the following criteria:
 - Applicants will need to describe how many sheep they shear annually and how broadly the machine will be used. This information will help the Wool Council understand how much it will impact the industry.
 - Applicants show all program requirements will be met (see “Program Requirements” above).
- b. All applicants will be notified via phone, email or mail, if their proposal was approved by December 15, 2020.

3. Documentation

The grant recipient must submit the following documentation by August 1, 2021:

- a. **Narrative summary** (1-2 pages):
 - Was this program helpful? What would you like to see changed?
 - What would you do differently to the design or price?
 - Other comments that you would like to make about the program or industry.
- b. **Photos showing:**
 - Project activities
 - ASI stickers on the press.
- c. **Documentation of actual expenses incurred:**
 - Invoices documenting the project expenditures.
 - Records/invoices showing fabricator address in the U.S.
- d. **Warehouse documentation:**
 - Press must produce an average bale weight of between 400-500 lbs.
 - Press must produce uniform bale shapes of 32” x 32” x 52”
- e. **Video showing:**
 - Safety features

4. Payment

- a. After ASI verifies all documents have been submitted, requirements have been met, and the final documentation has been approved, payment will be disbursed.
 - Members of the ASI Wool Council will review each applicant's evidence and reserves the right to request additional video/documentation to ensure all program requirements have been met before releasing final payment.
- b. Payment to the Grantee will be made via check. Grantee is responsible for providing payable details, including proper name and address. Grantee must also provide W-9 with the organization's employer identification number. Grantee will sign and return the OMB Standard Form 424B "Assurances" before funds can be distributed. Grantee will not collect interest on funds.
- c. Pre-award Costs: The grantee may incur or claim no costs prior to program completion and approval as provided for in the contract.

5. Records

- a. Retain records for 3 years; records are subject to audit by ASI.

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Cover Sheet

Project Leader:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail:

Anticipated Start Date:

Anticipated Completion Date:

Anticipated Fabricator or Manufacturer:

Anticipated Warehouse representative:

6. Describe the experience and expertise of the fabricator/machine shop you plan to use for this project.

7. Describe the type of press you will build if approved?

Budget

Please provide a detailed budget including the breakout of costs:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Submitter portion</u>	<u>ASI Portion</u>	<u>Total</u>
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I agree that I have read and accept the requirements set forth in the Wool Press Program Request for Funding 2020/2021.

Signature of Authorized Representative Applicant

Date