



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5064

January Session, 2025



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND FARMLAND ACCESS PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) The Department of
2 Agriculture, within available appropriations, may establish and
3 administer a grant program for the purpose of providing grants to hold
4 land for agricultural preservation purposes by any: (1) Agricultural not-
5 for-profit organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
6 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
7 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time; (2)
8 municipality; (3) group of municipalities; (4) regional council of
9 governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-
10 124p, inclusive, of the general statutes; or (5) group of municipalities
11 that have established a regional interlocal agreement pursuant to
12 sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, of the general statutes. In carrying
13 out such purpose, any such grant may be expended for developing
14 farmland access and affordability programs, other than such programs
15 that may exist as of the effective date of this section. No grant recipient
16 shall utilize a grant distributed pursuant to such program for any
17 purpose that conflicts with the preservation of farmland, as set forth in
18 chapter 422 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*