

RRRISE Catalyst Fund Proposal Del Norte Meat Processing Facility – Summary Sheet

Project Title: Del Norte Meat Processing Facility

Lead Applicant: Hmong Association of Crescent City

Collaborator(s) (if applicable): N/A

Total Funding Request: \$500,000 (Architectural and Engineering Design: \$400,000.00, Technical Assistance: \$100,000.00)

Project Phase: ☐ Exploratory ☒ Last-mile

Region(s) Served: Primarily Del Norte County; secondarily, the entire Redwood Region

Location of Headquarter: Crescent City, Del Norte County

Primary Sector: Working Lands and Blue Economy

Secondary Sector: Infrastructure and Transportation

Project Summary (~250 words): The Hmong Association of Crescent City plans to build a USDA-approved meat processing plant in Crescent City, to address the region's growing need for accessible meat processing. Following the closure of the Redwood Meat Company, farmers in the Redwood Region have faced long-distance transportation challenges, and are forced to travel over 160 miles for meat processing. The new facility will offer services for processing cattle, pigs, sheep, and poultry, supporting local farmers and strengthening regional agriculture. It will also include a retail component and grocery space to benefit the community economically.

The plant will meet culturally specific needs of the Hmong community, which currently lacks a reliable source for these products. The facility will be owned and sponsored by the Hmong Association, which represents around 500 local residents. A feasibility study confirmed the project's financial viability for the next ten years, and the business plan estimated the plant will process about 160 animals per month and create five full-time jobs. Success will be measured by the completion of the facility, the number of local farmers utilizing the processing services, and overall economic impact.

The project will primarily benefit small to mid-sized farmers in Del Norte County, helping them reduce logistical costs and supporting regional food systems. The plant will also empower marginalized communities, with a focus on the Hmong and



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Latinx populations, and provide a model for rural economic development. Revenue generated will support ongoing community programming for the Hmong Association.