



Fast Facts about LFS

- The funds must be used for foods to be served in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP).
- The foods purchased must be local (within IL or within 400 miles of your location), unprocessed or minimally processed and SFAs need to target to purchase from socially disadvantaged farmers/ranchers and/or small businesses.
- This is a reimbursement program – therefore, SFAs will purchase allowable items and complete a monthly claim for reimbursement. ISBE will review those claims and reimburse the SFA for all allowable expenses.
- 100% of the funds must be used to purchase local foods. The funds cannot be used for other costs such as equipment, gas surcharges, staffing and/or administrative costs.
- The funds awarded must supplement (by increasing or expanding) but not duplicate, existing food procurement activities.
- Information/data that will need submitted each month on the claim – name of farmer/producer, is the farmer producer socially disadvantaged, purchase city, state and county, description of products purchased along with costs. If purchased through a distributor or processor – information on the name and location of the distributor/processor, descriptions of products along with costs and are they a small business.
- More information and training will be coming soon!

Tentative Timeline for SFAs

March
2023

- Complete the School Survey

April
2023

- Be on the look out for Training Opportunities

May
2023

- "Estimated" SFA Funding Announced
- Application opens up

Aug
2023

- LFS funding begins

Dec
2024

- LFS funding ends