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TO: Eligible Applicants

FROM: Dr. Tony Sanders 
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**
Fiscal Year 2024 National School Lunch Program - Equipment Assistance Grant

CSFA Number: 586-18-0871
CSFA Title: National School Lunch Program - Equipment Assistance Grant

CFDA Number: 10.579
CFDA Title: Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability

Program Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service awards funding to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to provide equipment assistance via competitive grants to School Food Authorities (SFAs) that participate in the federally funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Funds allocated for this program are intended to support SFAs by enabling them to meet equipment needs in operating school food service.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service policy memo SP18-2023 announced the distribution of \$30 million provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 ([Public Law 117-328](#)) to state agencies to competitively award Equipment Assistance Grants to eligible SFAs participating in the NSLP. ISBE has been allocated \$1,051,731 to award subgrants to SFAs in this round of funding.

Eligibility and Application Information

Eligible Applicants:

School Food Authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program are eligible to apply. An SFA is the governing body that is responsible for one or more schools and has the legal authority to operate NSLP therein.

NOTE: The State of Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requires applicants to complete prequalification requirements before applying for any grant. This includes completion of the Grantee Registration and prequalification process through the [Illinois GATA Web Portal](#). Grant applications must be submitted by the application deadline indicated in this NOFO/RFP. Applicants are advised to complete the prequalification requirements well in advance of the NOFO/RFP deadline.

Successful grant applicants will be required to complete an FY 2024 Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment in the form of an Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ) available through the GATA Web Portal, an FY 2024 Organizational Risk Assessment through the ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS) system, and the FY 2024 Programmatic Risk Assessment that is found within the electronic Grant Management System budget. Grant awards will not be executed until the FY 2024 ICQ, Organizational Risk Assessment, and Programmatic Risk Assessment are completed.

System for Award Management (SAM):

Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or federal or state awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR § 25.110(b) or (c) or has an exception approved by the federal or state awarding agency under 2 CFR § 25.110(d)) is required to:

- (i) Be registered in [SAM](#) before submitting its application.
- (ii) Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal or federal pass-through award or an application or plan under consideration by a federal or state awarding agency. ISBE may not consider an application for a federal pass-through award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable SAM requirements.

[Code of Federal Regulations / Title 2 - Grants and Agreements](#)

This grant is subject to the provisions of:

- [Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, 30 ILCS 708/1 et seq.](#)
- [Administrative Rules for GATA, 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000](#)
- All federal regulations, principals, and assurances listed in [Appendix A](#) of this document.

Merit-Based Review and Selection Process for Competitive Grants:

ISBE is required to design and execute a merit-based review and selection process for applications. This process is incorporated by reference in all applicable funding opportunities. Applicants are advised to refer to the [ISBE Merit-Based Review Policy](#).

Grant Award/Cost Sharing or Matching:

Grant awards will range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$50,000 per grant recipient. The amount of an Individual grant award is dependent on the budgeted allowable costs that are included in the project proposal.

This grant does not require cost sharing or matching.

Funding Information is on [page 8](#).

Grant Period:

The grant period will begin no sooner than January 1, 2024, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until August 31, 2024. This will be the primary grant period.

To make efficient use of federal funds, any remaining grant funds not fully obligated by initial grant recipients during the primary grant period are subject to reallocation. A secondary grant period applies to any awards that may result from reallocation of available funds. The secondary grant period will begin no sooner than January 1, 2025, and will extend from the execution date of the grant until August 31, 2025.

- Primary grant period (Initial Award): January 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024
- Secondary grant period (Reallocation Award): January 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025

Submission Dates and Times/Other Submission Requirements:

Proposals can be submitted electronically through the ISBE Attachment Manager or emailed no later than 4:00 pm on December 18, 2023. Directions for each submission method are found below.

Electronic Submission: Completed proposals sent electronically should be scanned into PDF with all supporting documents and required signatures and submitted via the [ISBE Attachment Manager](#). Choose [DURBIN, EMILY S] from the dropdown menu in Receiver Information. Submit the application using the button at the bottom of the page.

Email: The proposal may be emailed to edurbin@isbe.net.

Late proposals will not be accepted.

Grant Award Notice:

It is anticipated that successful applicants will receive a Notice of Award via email approximately 90 days after the application deadline. The award letter is NOT an authorization to begin performance or expenditures. After the merit-based appeal timeframe has ended, awardees will receive additional information from the program area that includes the next steps for finalizing the grant. Monies spent prior to programmatic approval are done so at the applicant's own risk.

Technical Assistance Session:

Technical assistance is available through the agency contact listed below.

Changes to NOFO/RFP:

ISBE will post any changes made to the NOFO/RFP on the ISBE [Funding Opportunities webpage](#) prior to December 9, 2023. Applicants are advised to check the site before submitting a proposal.

Agency Contact/Contact to Request Application Package:

For more information on this NOFO/RFP, contact Emily Durbin at edurbin@isbe.net or call 217-782-2491.

General Information

Program Background and Description

Program Purpose:

The NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant program provides equipment assistance via competitive grants to School Food Authorities that participate in the federally funded National School Lunch Program. Funds allocated for this program are intended to support the capacity of SFAs to operate the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program by enabling them to meet school food service equipment needs.

Program Description:

All eligible proposals in response to this NOFO/RFP will be considered for an award, subject to the total amount funding available for this opportunity. Individual awards are limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per SFA.

Proposals will be scored as described in the application review and selection process within the Review Criteria section that begins on [page 12](#) of this NOFO/RFP. Applicants will be ranked in order of overall score, from highest to lowest. Awards will be made by allocating funds to applicants in ranked order until the maximum extent of available funding has been reached. This is the Initial Award phase.

Recipients of an Initial Award must obligate the awarded funds for eligible grant expenses during the primary grant period. Any amount of funding that is not obligated by the grant recipient during the primary grant period will become available for reallocation.

ISBE may reallocate remaining available funds to make grants to additional applicants that submitted eligible proposals as part of the original applicant pool but did not receive an Initial Award because the maximum extent of available funding was reached. Reallocation Awards will be made by continuing down the same ranked list of applicants and making allocation to the applicant(s) that would have otherwise been next in line but did not receive an Initial Award until the extent of remaining available funds has been awarded. Recipients of a Reallocation Award must obligate awarded funds for eligible grant expenses during the secondary grant period. Any amount of funding that is not obligated by grant recipients during the secondary grant period will be returned to the federal awarding agency in accordance with federal requirements.

SFAs that are selected for grant awards will be notified of their approved equipment items and the amount of awarded funds.

SFAs are required to follow all federal, state, and local procurement laws when purchasing equipment for this grant.

Grant funds are disbursed to SFAs on a reimbursement basis, not to exceed the amount of the grant award. An SFA must conduct procurement and obligate expenses during the grant period, then submit an expense claim to ISBE using the NSLP Equipment Grant Claim Form (69-75) along with copies of invoices/receipts as documentation to support the claim.

Disbursements are processed via electronic funds transfer to the SFA.

See the [ISBE NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant webpage](#).

Federal Description:

National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants are competitively awarded subgrants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and schools to purchase equipment with a value of greater than \$1,000 that is needed to serve healthier meals; improve food safety; and support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the School Breakfast Program.

See the [USDA FY 2023 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants for SFAs – Notice of Funding Availability webpage](#).

Program Background/History:

Since 2009, the USDA has awarded \$391 million in school nutrition equipment grants, including \$30 million in FY 2022. The USDA provides this funding to states via a formula. States then competitively award grants to school districts so they can purchase necessary equipment.

Program Objectives:

Grant funds will support School Nutrition Programs by enabling SFAs that operate the National School Lunch Program to purchase equipment that is needed to serve healthier meals; improve food safety; and support the establishment, maintenance, and/or expansion of the School Breakfast Program.

Equipment purchased or renovated must have a value of greater than \$1,000 (per unit cost).

FOCUS AREAS

All equipment for this project must support SFA efforts toward making achievements in one or more focus areas. Based on program goals and objectives, the focus areas for this funding opportunity are as follows:

- Improve food quality and serve healthier meals
Facilitate more fresh fruit/vegetable offerings at lunch or breakfast, enable scratch cooking, provide healthier cooking methods such as steaming/baking/grilling foods, etc.
- Improve food safety
Maintain proper temperature, decrease cross-contamination risks, improve sanitation, etc.
- New implementation of the School Breakfast Program
- Expansion of the School Breakfast Program
Add serving locations around the school as allowable, Breakfast After the Bell, etc.
- Increase efficiency of operations related to procurement, food storage, and/or distribution/service
Expand storage capacity, improve flow/additional service lines, etc.
- Provide convenience and appeal to the student population
Increase variety, offer more entrée choices, additional distribution methods, etc.

PROJECT TYPES

Projects may include one or more project type, as follows:

- Replacement of Existing Equipment

Replace an existing equipment item with the purchase of a new item that is similar in function and capacity, where the existing item will no longer be used.

Addition of New Equipment

Purchase an item that does not replace an existing item. The new item will add new functionality or increased capacity that did not previously exist.

Renovation of Existing Equipment

Additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, or alterations to existing equipment that significantly extend its useful life and/or materially increases its value (not ordinary repairs or routine maintenance).

Policy Requirements:

The term *equipment*, for purposes of this funding opportunity, is defined by federal regulation at [2 CFR Part 200.1](#) and by [Public Law 117-328](#). Equipment is defined as tangible, nonexpendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or more per unit.

As with all federal grant funds, procurement regulations at 7 CFR Part 210.21 and [2 CFR Part 200.317-326](#) apply, and equipment competitively procured using these grant funds must be necessary, reasonable, and allocable.

SFAs are required to follow all federal, state, and local procurement laws when purchasing equipment with these grant awards.

Procedures for managing equipment, whether acquired in whole or in part with grant funds, must meet at minimum the requirements as provided in [2 CFR 200.313\(d\)](#) until disposition takes place.

See also [Fiscal Policies/Procedures/Requirements Handbook](#) pages 14-17 regarding equipment.

Performance Measures:

School Food Authorities that receive awards under this grant program are to use the funds to purchase or renovate approved equipment items that have a value of greater than \$1,000.

Targets

An SFA must be on track to complete activities related to procurement, installation, and/or renovation of equipment and obligate all costs within the grant period.

Performance Standards:

Only preapproved equipment items may be purchased or renovated. Expenses may only be incurred during the designated grant period.

Periodic Performance Reports must be submitted by the due date each reporting period.

NSLP Equipment Grant Claim Form (69-75) with supporting documentation must be submitted by the due date.

Deliverables and Milestones:

Initial Award Recipients

Grant Period: January 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024

Due Date	Description
April 30, 2024	REPORT DUE: <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Performance Report for the period January 1, 2024 to March 30, 2024
July 30, 2024	REPORTS DUE: <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Performance Report for the period April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> NSLP Equipment Grant Claim Form (69-75) for expenses incurred from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024
August 31, 2024	FINAL DATE to obligate grant expenses for an Initial Award
September 30, 2024	REPORT DUE: <input type="checkbox"/> NSLP Equipment Grant Claim Form (69-75) for expenses incurred from July 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024

Reallocation Award Recipients

Grant Period: January 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025

Due Date	Description
April 30, 2025	REPORT DUE: <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Performance Report for the period January 1, 2025 to March 30, 2025
July 30, 2025	REPORTS DUE: <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Performance Report for the period April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> NSLP Equipment Grant Claim Form (69-75) for expenses incurred from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025
August 31, 2025	FINAL DATE to obligate grant expenses for a Reallocation Award
September 30, 2025	REPORT DUE: <input type="checkbox"/> NSLP Equipment Grant Claim Form (69-75) for expenses incurred from July 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025

Funding Information

Introduction:

ISBE will be competitively awarding up to a total of \$1,051,731 in Equipment Assistance Grants to successful applicants. Awards will range in dollar amount from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$50,000 per School Food Authority.

Allowable/Unallowable Costs:

Grant funds may be used for capitalized equipment expenditures, where costs are incurred during the grant period to purchase or renovate preapproved equipment items for use in operation of the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program. All costs are subject to the cost principles within [2 CFR Part 200](#).

ALLOWABLE costs include direct costs for preapproved projects/equipment items:

Acquisition Costs -- The cost of the equipment, including the cost to ready the equipment for its intended use:

- ✓ Net invoice price of the equipment (list price, net of any discounts)
- ✓ Cost of any modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make the equipment usable for the purpose which it is acquired
- ✓ Installation costs
- ✓ Shipping, freight, or delivery costs

Renovation Costs -- Additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, or alterations to existing equipment that significantly extends its useful life and/or materially increases its value (not ordinary repairs or maintenance):

- ✓ Service charge/labor
- ✓ Parts/materials

The purchase of equipment not included in the approved project budget is allowable only if it is specifically approved beforehand by ISBE and there is documentation to support that the purchase is necessary and reasonable to carry out project activities.

UNALLOWABLE costs include, but are not limited to:

- ⊗ Remodeling of the food service area or cafeteria
- ⊗ Facility renovation or construction costs (building improvements)
- ⊗ Noncapitalized equipment (supplies and other items that cost less than the capitalization threshold for this grant, which means items with an individual cost of less than \$1,000)
- ⊗ Prior equipment purchases -- Funds may not be used to retroactively reimburse or pay for equipment expenditures that were incurred prior to the grant award
- ⊗ Costs for ordinary repairs or routine maintenance of equipment
- ⊗ Extended or additional warranties purchased at an additional cost separate from the price of the equipment
- ⊗ Administrative expenses
- ⊗ Indirect costs
- ⊗ Set-asides for auditing services

Cost Sharing or Matching:

There are no cost sharing or matching requirements associated with this grant.

Indirect Cost Rate:

The federal Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200 requires that grantees be provided the opportunity to seek indirect cost reimbursements based on negotiated indirect cost reimbursement rates. Rates are determined and applied as follows.

LEAs

- LEA indirect cost rates are developed in accordance with a delegation of authority agreement between ISBE and the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The plan includes both a restricted and unrestricted rate for each individual LEA. Both the restricted and unrestricted LEA rates are published annually on [the ISBE Indirect Cost Rate Plan webpage](#). In the past, only the restricted rate was allowed when budgeting indirect cost reimbursements.

LEAs have the ability to seek indirect cost reimbursement at the published unrestricted rate for any program other than those identified as restricted by ED.

- Newly organized LEAs, Regional Offices of Education, Intermediate Service Centers, area vocational centers, charter schools, university laboratory schools, and governmental entities formed by a joint agreement among LEAs utilize either the statewide average of LEA unrestricted or restricted indirect rates as appropriate, depending on program.
- LEAs that jointly administer federal program(s) utilize either the approved unrestricted or restricted indirect cost rates for the administrative district of the joint program as appropriate, depending on program.

Non-LEAs

- Programs eligible for an unrestricted indirect cost rate; not-for-profit entities; community-/faith-based organizations; and other non-LEA, non-university subgrantees utilize rates negotiated through the Governor's Office of Management and Budget centralized process in which they will have the option to:
 - Select the 10% de minimis rate.
 - Submit documentation supporting a rate determined through negotiation with their federal cognizant agency.
 - Negotiate a rate.

Non-LEA, non-university grantees may initiate the unrestricted indirect cost rate negotiation process via the [GATA Grantee Portal](#).

- Federal programs requiring the use of a restricted indirect cost rate, not-for-profit entities, community-/faith-based organizations, and other non-LEA subgrantees shall utilize the 8% default rate described at 34 CFR 76.564.
- Colleges and universities will be limited to a maximum indirect cost rate of 8% or other indirect cost rate calculated by their cognizant federal agency, whichever is less, for grants administered by ISBE.

Costs associated with Fiscal Support Services (2520), Internal Support Services (2570), Staff Support Services (2640), Data Processing Services (2660), and Direction of Business Support Services (2510) charged to the Educational Fund are properly budgeted as indirect costs.

Funding Restrictions:

Allowable costs for this grant are limited to capital expenditures for equipment. Indirect costs do not apply.

Stevens Amendment:

For purposes of compliance with Section 511 of Public Law 101-166 (the Stevens Amendment), applicants are advised that 100 percent of the funds for this program are derived from federal sources. The total amount of federal funding involved is \$1,051,731.

Reporting Requirements

Periodic financial reporting is completed at a minimum of quarterly via the FY 2024 NSLP Equipment Grant Claim Form (69-75).

Programmatic reporting is completed via the FY 2024 NSLP Equipment Grant Period Performance Report Form.

The reporting forms will be accessible on the [ISBE NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant webpage](#).

Content and Form of Application Submission

Instructions:

Each application must be submitted in the format outlined below to be considered complete. A complete application will include all required components (the numbered items below) and signatures when mentioned. Please use the checkboxes in front of the numbers as a checklist when assembling your completed application.

1. Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance (Attachment 1):

Include the name, address, telephone, and fax numbers of the entity; email, name, and telephone number of the contact person; Federal Employer Identification number; Unique Entity ID (UEI) number; SAM CAGE Code; and all other listed information. The Application page must be signed by the official authorized to submit proposals. First time applicants without a Region-County-District-Type (RCDT) code must call or email the agency contact to obtain an RCDT code **before** submitting an application.

2. Project Proposal (Attachment 2):

Use only the form that is provided. Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed for any section.

- Section 1: Equipment Locations
- Section 2: Focus Areas and Project Types
- Section 3: Replacement of Existing Equipment
- Section 4: Addition of New Equipment
- Section 5: Renovation of Existing Equipment

Refer to [page 3](#) of this document for [Submission Dates and Times/Other Submission Requirements](#).

Review Criteria

Application Review and Selection Process

Selection Process:

Award selection is based upon evaluation of the overall quality of the proposal as well as specific priority criteria.

Evaluation Score:

Scoring of proposals is based upon the following overall criteria:

- Need is defined as the identification of stakeholders, facts, and evidence that demonstrate the proposal supports the grant program purpose.
- Capacity is defined as the ability of an entity to execute the grant project according to the project requirements.
- Quality is defined as the totality of features and characteristics of a service, project, or product that indicate its ability to satisfy the requirements of the grant program.

Each proposal is scored by three separate reviewers, using the [Evaluation Criteria](#). The average of the three scores is the evaluation score.

Priority Score:

The priority score is calculated by applying [priority points](#) to the individual program site(s) served by the project. For proposals that serve multiple sites, priority points are applied to each individual program site served by the project and then averaged among those sites to calculate the priority score. Site(s) served by the project are determined by the locations identified in the project proposal (Attachment 2, Section 1).

The evaluation and priority scores are combined into an overall score. Proposals are ranked by overall score, from highest to lowest. Awards are made by allocating funds to applicants, in ranked order, until the maximum extent of available funding has been reached.

Tiebreaker:

In the event of a tie, the proposal which serves a higher number of enrolled students will receive priority. Enrollment is determined using the most recent year finalized annual eligibility data at the time of scoring.

Following the notification of grant awards, an applicant may request copies of reviewer scores and comments by contacting Emily Durbin at edurbin@isbe.net.

Evaluation Criteria

The overall criteria are built into the following rubric. Attachment 2 of the proposal will be used to determine if criteria have been met. Points for each section and individual criteria are included in the rubric.

Scoring criteria and point values are as follows:

Scoring Rubric					
Not Provided 0	Very Limited 1	Somewhat Limited 2	Moderate 3	Strong 4	Very Strong 5
Criteria requirements are absent.	Proposal is unclear on addressing the criteria.	Proposal broadly addresses the criteria but provides limited detail relevant to the criteria.	Proposal provides moderate detail relating to the criteria and conveys potential to meet project outcomes.	Proposal provides good detail and strong evidence to meet the criteria.	Proposal exceeds expectations for the criteria, providing exceptional detail and supporting evidence.

Section 1: Need	
Does the proposal provide facts and rationale that indicate a high need for the project?	
10 Points Total	Possible Points
Proposal gives rationale to the SFA’s assessment of equipment needs, including how the needs were determined and prioritized.	5
Needs assessment demonstrates high need due to age, condition, or lack of necessary equipment. High-need considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Equipment that is more than 15 years of age, ▸ Equipment that is non-working/not repairable, ▸ Lacking equipment that is necessary to meet program requirements, and/or ▸ Lacking equipment that is necessary for implementation/achievement in one of the focus areas. 	5
Section 2: Capacity	
Does the proposal demonstrate that the applicant gave adequate consideration and/or analysis of equipment options, alternatives, and cost that would best meet program goals and requirements?	
10 Points Total	Possible Points
Provides justification that supports the type/specifications of equipment included in the project proposal. Proposal should include specific details, research, and/or analysis that was considered and explain how the proposed equipment is the best option to meet the assessed need(s).	5
Budgeted costs appear reasonable and are supported by specific details, research, price quotes, and/or cost proposals. Provides reasonable explanation/justification for any additional costs, such as shipping, freight, installation.	5
Section 3: Quality	
Does the proposed project support the goals and objectives of the grant program?	
10 Points Total	Possible Points
The proposal provides rationale that clearly indicates how the proposed project will support achievement in one or more of the grant focus areas and that the equipment is essential to meeting project outcomes. Focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Improve food quality and serve healthier meals ▸ Improve food safety ▸ New implementation of the School Breakfast Program ▸ Expansion of the School Breakfast Program ▸ Increase efficiency of operations related to procurement, food storage, and/or distribution service ▸ Provide convenience and appeal to the student population 	10 (Point values within the scoring rubric are doubled for this criteria.)

Priority Points

Priority Indicators		Possible Points														
15 Points Total																
<p>Free and reduced-price meal eligibility of enrolled students</p> <p>Each school site will receive the following points based on the free and reduced-price meal eligibility percentage of enrollment based on the most recent finalized school nutrition program annual eligibility data. A location that conducts centralized operations for the benefit of any additional site(s) belonging to the same SFA will utilize a weighted average of the location and the additional site(s) eligibility percentage to award points.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Free and Reduced-Price Eligibility Percentage</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>90 percent or more, up to or equal to 100 percent</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>80 percent or more, but less than 90 percent</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70 percent or more, but less than 80 percent</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60 percent or more, but less than 70 percent</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50 percent or more, but less than 60 percent</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less than 50 percent</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Free and Reduced-Price Eligibility Percentage	Points	90 percent or more, up to or equal to 100 percent	5	80 percent or more, but less than 90 percent	4	70 percent or more, but less than 80 percent	3	60 percent or more, but less than 70 percent	2	50 percent or more, but less than 60 percent	1	Less than 50 percent	0	5
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Appendix A -- Federal and USDA Requirements

Grant recipients chosen for an award from this Notice of Funding Opportunity/Request for Proposals must comply with the following regulations, principles, and assurances.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE REGULATIONS

- [2 CFR Part 25: “Universal Identifier and System for Award Management”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 170: “Reporting Sub-award and Executive Compensation Information”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 175: “Award Term for Trafficking in Persons”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 180: “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension \(Non-Procurement\)”](#)
- [2 CFR 200: “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”](#)
- [2 CFR 400: “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 415: “General Program Administrative Regulations”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 416: “General Program Administrative Regulations for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 417: “Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 418 “New Restrictions on Lobbying”](#)
- [2 CFR Part 421: “Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace \(Financial Assistance\)”](#)
- [7 CFR Part 3: “Debt Management”](#)
- [7 CFR Part 16: “Equal Opportunity for Religious Organizations”](#)
- [41 U.S.C. Section 22 “Interest of Member of Congress”](#)
- Privacy Act. The Cooperator/Grantee shall follow the rules and procedures of disclosure set forth in the [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a](#), and implementing regulations and policies, with respect to systems of records determined to be subject to the Privacy Act.
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Public access to Federal Financial Assistance records shall not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been excepted from disclosure pursuant to the “Freedom of Information” regulation ([5 U.S.C. 552](#))
- Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009, Public Law 110-417
- Sections 738 and 739 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-55)
- “The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), dated September 26, 2006”

COST PRINCIPALS

- [2 CFR, Part 200: Subpart E, Cost Principles](#)

ASSURANCE OF CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.)
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794)
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.)
- Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 as amended by the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189)
- Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency." (August 11, 2000)
- All provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) (7 CFR Part 15 et seq.)
- Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines (28 CFR Parts 35, 42 and 50.3)
- Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) directives and guidelines to the effect that, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), age, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from USDA; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take measures necessary to effectuate this Agreement.
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USDA REGULATIONS

- [7 CFR Part 15: “Nondiscrimination”](#)

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1. mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. email:

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