



Frequently Asked Questions: USDA Farm to School Grant Program Training Curricula Development, Request for Proposals

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Eligibility

Q: Are small business eligible applicants?

A: Yes. Small business are eligible to apply in response to this solicitation.

Q: Are land grant universities eligible applicants?

A: Yes. Land grant universities are eligible to apply in response to this solicitation.

Q: What is the ideal applicant entity for this RFP?

A: All entities that meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply in response to this solicitation. Entities with national reach and scope and who have managed Federal grants of similar scope and size are encouraged to apply. In addition, entities that work at regional or local levels may also partner with other entities to achieve national scope. Partnerships are highly encouraged to ensure that all desired skills, expertise, experience, and relationships are reflected in applications. Applicants with existing relationships with the target audiences (State Agencies and producers) or who partner with entities that exhibit such relationships will be given greater consideration.

Training Audience

Q: Is the desired training audience State Agencies or producers?

A: The grantee will train State Agency representatives to conduct this training among Agriculture producers in their states.

Q: Which State Agencies are prioritized?

A: Typically, Farm to School programs include Departments of Education, Departments of Agriculture, and in some cases Departments of Health. Because the target audience for the state-level trainings is producers (farmers, fishers, and ranchers), Departments of Agriculture will be primary partners and implementers who will roll out the developed curriculum among producers in their respective states. Other entity types may also play prominent roles in the delivery of the training within states so long as they can show success in recruiting and training producers.

Evaluation

Q: Can the evaluation be contracted out?

A: Subawards are allowed. Applicants may choose to subaward any activity through a subaward.