SNAP-ED

RFA #FY2022-2024SNAP-EdRFA

Q & As

March 19, 2021

- 1. The state objectives were different in the RFA and on Template 2. Which version should we use? The Template 2 is correct. The RFA has been updated to reflect the same.
- On the RFA it states that we are to work with FDPIR. On other documents it says to work with ITO's. Are we able to work with either? The ITO's include tribes that are not federally recognized. The state requires to work with all low-income families, individuals FDPIR and/or ITOs. USDA mandates state to work with the federally recognized.
- 3. Is there a link to for the RFA webinar on March 9th? Please refer to the Funding Availability Notice.
- 4. Do we not need a SOW this year? We do not see the template provided in the RFA? No SOW will be needed.
- 5. When will you post the SNAP ED presentation from this morning? The presentation will be posted by March 19, 2021
- 6. Do Universities have to complete all forms. If receiving federal funds, the Federal Certification must be completed.
- 7. Is a separate narrative required? The narrative in the Template 3 & 4 and the Contract Packet A will suffice. No additional narrative is needed. However, calculations must show how the applicant arrived at the final amount requested.
- 8. Could you clarify the following state-level objective and give an example?

Objective: Percentage of participants reached by PSE changes that were made in need of continuing SNAP-Ed eligible sites.

- Do we just need to measure the percentage of participants participating in the PSE compared to their "community/population"? This has not changed. The number of participants reached in the PSE effort.
- 10. How do we determine the "community/population"? Community /population will be determined by the setting where you eat, learn, live, play, and work.
- 11. Out of state lodging is \$88.70. Does this apply to out of state lodging for conferences when most conference lodging costs will be over that per diem? This is the state's rate for out of state lodging. SNAP-Ed will allow the per diem rate according to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for hotels per state. <u>https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates</u>
- 12. In Template 3 & 4, "Project Cost" tab, are we carrying over any of our budget from FY21, and if so, how do we do that? COVID-19 has meant we did not spend as much as anticipated in some categories. No, there are no carryforward funds for any IA. Carryforward funds are returned to the general fund to expand the SNAP-Ed program.

- 13. Is the state planning a state-wide social marketing campaign? Yes, NC will begin to focus on a state-wide social marketing campaign. FY 2022 efforts will be focused on planning. IAs may still use social marketing with your individual Direct Education interventions and Policy, Systems and Environmental (PSE) changes.
- 14. We are writing the grant to reflect impacts due to COVID-19, such as reducing our numbers of direct education contacts for adults as they are more difficult to reach. We know that as more people get vaccinated, we may be able to increase these numbers. However, we are using numbers that we could reach using the current environment. Is this how we should be projecting/writing the grant? The grant is for FY 2022. We are hoping to be beyond COVID-19.
- 15. Many families did not fill out free/reduced price lunch forms this year as meals are free to all children with the USDA waivers. We do know that food insecurity and poverty has increased in the last school year while free/reduced price lunch numbers decreased. Thus we expect that when the lunch forms are collected again in 2021-2022 school year we will be able to teach in the same schools we did in 2019-2020 school year. Can we use free/reduced price lunch stats from 2019/2020 for the grant and monitor any changes when lunch forms are collected next August/September? Yes. The grant is for FY 2022. We are hoping to be beyond COVID-19.
- 16. Should applicants be requesting flat funding? Applicants must request the amount of funding necessary to support the activities/interventions included in the submitted application.
- 17. The criteria for funding sheet for Phase II references several documents under IV. Organizational Background/Capacity. I don't see these documents listed on Appendix A Required Documents & Certifications or in Contract Packet A -Required Documents. Are these documents required? If so, are templates available? It also lists a Budget 6844S. Should this be Contract Packet A/Template 3 & 4? This form is for State/DSS purposes only. If applicants provide documents included in Appendix A and the Contract Packet A (included in Appendix A) these are all the documents that are needed.
- The first question in Template 2 asks the following: Reporting Progress on State-Level Goals and Objectives: Please describe how your State plans to electronically collect evaluation data that indicates progress towards State-level goals and objectives.

Would you like for us to use the same blurb from FY21 or leave it blank?

Previous years applicants may use the language on FY21 Template 2. All others should leave this section blank.