

State Template – FFCRA SNAP Emergency Allotment Request

States must provide the following to their FNS Regional SNAP contact(s) for each month covered by this request.

State/Territory:

1. [April 2021] EA Issuance date(s):

Montana is using a two-phase approach to issue Emergency Allotment 04/2021. The first round of Emergency Allotment benefits were issued to households, using the previous guidance and process, on 04/07/2021. New clients that apply after this issuance window will receive the maximum allowable issuance on the day of their regular SNAP issuance regardless of the date that they apply for SNAP benefits.

Montana is currently working through system design and implementation to capture households who fall under the new guidance (who received \$94 or less in Emergency Allotment supplements) and plan to issue a second round of supplements to capture these households on or before 04/30/2021.

2. [April 2021] estimate of the number of households and estimated EA amount:

Number of households receiving emergency allotment benefits: $29,000 + 22,000 = 51,000$

Amount of emergency allotment benefits issued per month: $\$6,300,000 + \$2,090,000 =$
 $\$8,390,000$

Due to the new guidance, these are just estimates based on what was issued previously plus our best guess on the number of households who would be impacted by the new rule. We fully anticipate the numbers to be adjusted once we get an accurate report.

3. **Confirmation** that one or more of the following conditions exists due to COVID-19.

(Check all that apply):

- X Residents of the State are confirmed to have contracted COVID-19
- X Some or all areas of the State are containment or quarantine zones
- X Businesses have closed or significantly reduced their hours
- X The State's residents have experienced economic impacts due to job suspensions or losses
- X The State's residents have been directed to practice social distancing

And

- X The State's emergency or disaster declaration remains active

USDA reserves the right to withdraw or otherwise modify this approval subject to availability of funding.