

Supply Chain Assistance Funding Opportunities for Schools

Fund Name	Supply Chain Assistance (SCA)	USDA Foods in Schools	Local Food for Schools (LFS)	Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA)
Purpose	Through award of \$1 billion in non-competitive funding, the SCA will provide funding to States for distribution to local school districts to support their ability to purchase foods for school meals by providing resources to help address supply chain challenges.	Through the issuance of \$300 million for USDA Foods purchases, these funds will help States and local school districts mitigate supply chain challenges by offering additional USDA Food resources. All USDA Foods purchases will support domestic agriculture and will emphasize small and socially disadvantaged producers when feasible.	Through award of up to \$200 million in non-competitive cooperative agreements, the LFS will help states deal with the challenges of supply chain disruptions brought on by the pandemic and provide an opportunity for States to strengthen the food system for schools by helping to build a fair, competitive, and resilient local food chain, with an emphasis on purchasing from small businesses and socially disadvantaged producers and processors.	Through award of up to \$400 million in non-competitive cooperative agreements, the LFPA will provide an opportunity for States and Tribal Governments to strengthen their local and regional food system; help to support local and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers through building and expanding economic opportunities; and establish, strengthen, and broaden partnerships with producers and the food distribution community, local food networks, and non-profits by distributing fresh and nutritious foods in rural, remote, or underserved communities.
Eligible Entities	All State agencies and SFAs administering the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program (including the Seamless Summer Option in School	All State agencies that manage the distribution of USDA Foods in Schools will receive an allocation based on their proportion of total lunches served in school year 2018-2019.	Funding is available for State agencies. Only one State agency will receive an award in each State.	Funding is available for States agencies and Federally Recognized Tribal Governments. Only one State agency will receive an award in each

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	Year 2021-2022) in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands are eligible to receive these funds.			state; if more than one State agency is interested in the program, they must collaborate.
Process Application	State agencies will distribute SCA funds to SFAs to exclusively purchase unprocessed or minimally processed domestic food products to help SFAs deal with challenges, such as unanticipated cancellation of food and supply contracts, reduced availability of certain foods, unexpected substitution of certain products, unpredictable increases in food and supply prices, and other obstacles related to pricing and/or availability that have been reported to or identified by State agencies administering the Child Nutrition Programs.	State agencies will receive an allocation to spend on additional USDA Foods products. States will place orders for additional USDA Foods with delivery dates ranging from April-September 2022. States will be responsible for distributing these foods to SFAs.	Application process for the LFS is under development.	Eligible entities may submit applications for non-competitive cooperative agreements via Grants.gov. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Applications (RFA).
Important Dates	01/04/22 SCA funds issued via FNS-529 to State agencies 01/31/22 Recommended date that State agencies execute FNS-529	2/4/22- States must submit USDA Foods orders for deliveries April-June and requests to allocate funds to USDA DoD Fresh.	USDA press release issued 12/17/2021	USDA press release issued 12/6/2021 RFA issued on 12/6/21 Applications due on 4/5/22

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	03/01/22 State agencies begin payments to their respective SFAs 09/30/22 State agencies begin SCA funds reallocation 09/30/23 Period of Performance End Date	3/18/22- States must submit USDA Foods orders for July-September deliveries.		Funding is available for up to two years after award of the cooperative agreement.
Links	Allocation of Supply Chain Assistance Funds to Alleviate Supply Chain Disruptions in the School Meal Programs Food and Nutrition Service (usda.gov)	Questions may be submitted to: USDAFoods@usda.gov	https://www.ams.usda.gov/seeing-food-to-usda/lfs Questions may be submitted to MRP.AMS.LFS@usda.gov Application is not yet available.	https://www.ams.usda.gov/seeing-food-to-usda/lfpacap Questions may be submitted to LFPA@usda.gov . The RFA is available at Grants.gov in the link below: LFPA Cooperative Agreement Program