Attachment A – State Plan Amendment Template for FY 2027 Farm to Food Bank Projects

Date Submitted:
State Agency:
State Agency Point of Contact (POC):
POC Email:
POC Phone Number:

1. Provide a high-level summary (1-2 paragraphs) of the anticipated uses of the Farm to Food Bank project funds. Please note that projects must meet the statutory definition of a Farm to Food Bank project (i.e., they must involve the harvesting, processing, packaging, or transportation of unharvested, unprocessed, or unpackaged foods donated by agricultural producers, processors, or distributors, for use by EFOs).

2. What types of foods do you expect will be donated for this project(s) and who will donate them?

3. How will the project(s) reduce food waste at the agricultural production, processing, or distribution level through the donation of food?

4. How will the project(s) provide food to individuals in need?

5. How will the project(s) build relationships between agricultural producers, processors, and distributors and EFOs through the donation of food?

6. List all EFOs that will partner with the state agency to carry out the project(s) and describe the role of the EFO(s) in the project. You must list at least one EFO. You do not need to list all EFOs that will distribute Farm to Food Bank foods; only those that will carry out the project(s) in partnership with the State agency.

7. List any other State agency(ies) from other States that the State agency will partner with and describe the role of the other State agency(ies) in the project.

8. State the percentage of Farm to Food Bank project funds that will be kept at the State level.

9. As per 7 CFR 251.13(d)(1), all federal funds utilized for Farm to Food Bank projects must be matched dollar-for-dollar by non-federal funds through a cash or in-kind contribution from either the State or partner EFOs. Please describe how the match requirement will be met for this project. If the match will be met in-kind, please provide a description of in-kind resources that will be used to meet the match.

10. Describe the State agency's method(s) for monitoring the use of Farm to Food Bank Funding and how the State agency will ensure that funds are only used for allowable costs as described at 7 CFR 251.13(c).

11. Will the State agency accept its full initial potential allocation of FY 2027 Farm to Food Bank Funding, if available?

12. Is the State agency interested in receiving additional funding beyond its initial potential allocation of FY 2027 Farm to Food Bank project, if available?

    Options

    If yes/unsure, what is the maximum amount of additional funds the State agency is willing and able to accept while still meeting the match requirement? If unsure, please insert an estimated amount in the box below, and we will contact you to verify final funding totals prior to finalizing them.

    Maximum amount of additional funding (in addition to what is estimated to be allocated in Appendix B):

OMB Disclosure Statement: Section 4018(b) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-334, the 2018 Farm Bill) amended Section 203D of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to provide funding for TEFAP state agencies to pay for projects to harvest, process, package, or transport foods donated by agricultural producers, processors, or distributors for use by EFOs. These projects are known as Farm to Food Bank projects. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), extends the authorization for TEFAP Farm to Food Bank projects through FY 2031. To be eligible for funds to carry out a Farm to Food Bank project in FY 2027, TEFAP State agencies must submit an amendment to their state plan to the appropriate FNA State contact which requires this information collection. This is a mandatory collection and FNA will use the information to allocate funding for such projects. The collection does not request personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act of 1974. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0584-0293. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average four hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and providing the data needed, and completing, reviewing and submitting the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to:

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