

LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE (LFPA) PLUS PROGRAM 2023 APPLICATION FACTSHEET



About

- Funded through Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) for LFPA Plus. Administered by USDA via VAAFM.
- Award of \$15,000 - \$60,000 for food purchases only.
- At least 50% of award must be spent on food purchases from socially disadvantaged farmers. At least 50% of food must be distributed to underserved communities. Please see USDA definitions attached.

Food Purchases

- Must be produced and sourced within Vermont (exceptions can be made for culturally appropriate foods, with prior grant manager approval)
- Must be raw or minimally processed when purchased and distributed. Please see USDA definitions attached.

Timeline

October 16, 2023

Application is published.

October 27, 2023

Application Webinar held online at 2PM. Recording will be available online.

October 30, 2023 to December 12, 2023 at 2PM

Application open for submission. All Submissions are due by 2PM on 12/12/23.

January/February 2024

Applicants informed of decisions.

Project Duration

Begins upon signing the grant agreement: February/March 2024
Ends in March 2025

Program Webinar:

October 27, 2023 at 2PM



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USDA DEFINITIONS

Socially Disadvantaged Group is a group whose members have been subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and, where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

Underserved communities have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Unprocessed or minimally processed food products are products that include (as examples) fruits and vegetables (including 100% juices); grain products such as pastas and rice; meats (whole, pieces, or food items such as ground meats); meat alternates such as beans or legumes, and fluid milk and other dairy foods such as cheese and yogurt. Foods in a wide variety of minimally processed states (e.g., whole, cut, pureed) and/or forms (e.g., fresh, frozen, canned, dried) are also allowable for procurement.

Unprocessed or minimally processed food products DO NOT include baked goods (breads, muffins, crackers), prepackaged sandwiches or meals; other prepared and/or pre-cooked items that come ready-to-eat or that require no further preparation beyond heating (i.e. cooked proteins including chicken nuggets, fish sticks, pre-made pizzas).