USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

COLD CHAIN GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In addition to the USDA Terms and Conditions and AMS General Terms and Conditions the following program specific terms and conditions apply to the Cold Chain Grants for Emergency Food Assistance (CCG). If there are any differences between the USDA and AMS General Terms and Conditions and the CCG Program-specific Terms and Conditions, the CCG Program Specific Terms and Conditions take precedence.

1.0 ALLOWABLE AND UNALLOWABLE COST AND ACTIVITIES

Cost Category	Description, Guidance, and Exceptions
Buildings and Land—Construction and/or Renovation	**Unallowable** • Improvements, rearrangements, alterations, routine maintenance, repair, or structural changes of an existing building or facility. • New construction of buildings/facilities. A building is any permanent structure designed or intended for support, enclosure, shelter or protection of people, animals or property, and having a permanent roof supported by columns or walls. • Projects requiring groundbreaking or ground disturbing activities, or that do not have the existing critical resources and infrastructure in place for installation (i.e. installation of cement pads or electrical and plumbing connections that require groundbreaking or ground disturbing activities).

Equipment	**Allowable**
	• Purchases of cold storage equipment (such as refrigerators, freezers, refrigerated delivery vehicles, mobile coolers, etc.) are allowable when approved in the budget or with prior written approval. All equipment purchases must meet the following criteria:
	  ○ Equipment is necessary for the technical activities of the agreement and is not otherwise reasonably available and accessible.
	  ○ Ancillary equipment below the $10,000 simplified equipment threshold that is essential to the operation/use of purchased equipment, such as shelving, prep tables, pallet jack, forklift, back-up generators, insulated storage and packs, enhanced temperature monitoring devices, and repacking equipment/supplies.
	• Equipment must be used solely to meet the purpose of the program and objectives of the agreement.
	• Equipment is subject to the full range of acquisition, use, management, and disposition requirements under 2 CFR § 200.313 as applicable.
	Unallowable
	• Purchases of general-purpose equipment (e.g., general use motor vehicles, office furniture, office air conditioners, printers, and copiers), equipment rentals, or lease agreements to own (i.e., lease-to-own or rent-to-own).

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Compensation for Damage	**Unallowable** • Compensation for injuries or damage to property arising from project activities**.**
Information Technology Systems	**Unallowable** • Information technology and systems, such as general and specialized software that can be used for inventory, processing, or purchasing activities, other than those that are necessary for the operation of the requested equipment.
Marketing Costs	**Unallowable** • Use of funds for marketing product(s)/services(s) or organizations.
Operational Costs	**Unallowable** • Funds used to cover daily operational business expenses or the *purchase* of agricultural/food products for production/distribution.

2.0 DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT

At the end of the period of performance, AMS may authorize recipients and subrecipients to retain special purpose equipment as defined in 2 CFR 200.1, pursuant to 2 CFR 200.313(f), with no further obligation to compensate the Federal Government. Upon AMS' approval of the final SF 428 C (Disposition Request/Report), or SF 428 B (Final Report), and other SF-428S supplemental forms, title to equipment purchased with grant funds shall fully vest in the recipient or subrecipient as applicable, and the requirements of 2 CFR 200.313(c), (d), and (e) shall no longer apply to that equipment.

If before the end of the period of performance, special purpose equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project, program, or for other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal agency, the recipient or subrecipient must request disposition instructions from the Federal agency or pass-through entity per 2 CFR 200.313 (e), and 2 CFR 200.313(f) does not apply.

3.0 REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION

Recipients are expected to provide semi-annual (every 6 months) performance reports and SF-425 financial reports throughout the period of performance, as described in the USDA General Terms and Conditions. Performance reports must be formatted and submitted using the approved templates or guidance, and machine-readable.

- The semi-annual performance reports and SF-425 Federal Financial Reports are due no later than **45 calendar days** after the end of each 6-month reporting period.
- The final reports, including performance and financial, are due 120 days after the end of the agreement period of performance end date.