Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA)

Authorized by the American Rescue Plan and will award non-competitive cooperative agreements with state governments and federally recognized tribal governments.

State governments and federally recognized tribal governments can apply for the LFPA Program at www.grants.gov

**PROCUREMENT**

**State & Tribal Governments**

- Provides funding for state and federally recognized tribal governments to purchase food from local and regional producers, targeting purchases from **socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers**.

- Allows applicants flexibility to design innovative procurement programs and strengthen their local and regional food system and purchase foods that are healthy, nutritious, and unique to their geographic area.

- Food purchases can include both fresh and processed foods. Any food or beverage product that meets the definition for domestic and local (local as defined in the RFA) are permissible, including seafood.

- Funds will help increase the consumption of local food and build and expand economic opportunity for local and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

- Local and regional farmers and ranchers are those within the state or territory or 400 miles of delivery destination.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**Local Farmers & Ranchers**

- State governments and federally recognized tribal governments will distribute the food within their state or region targeting underserved communities.

- Allows applicants to tailor food distribution for unique local challenges to serve the population and feeding programs, including food banks, schools, and organizations that target underserved communities.

- Cooperative agreement recipients will be required to submit performance reports that will include data regarding their procurement and distribution to ensure program goals are met. The period of performance for the cooperative agreements will be for up to 2 years following the date of award.

**Deadline for state governments and federally recognized tribal governments submitting applications: May 20th, 2022**

Questions about the LFPA program can be submitted through LFPA@usda.gov

Additional information and resources