

Regional Food System Partnerships

Outcomes and Indicators

The grant program outcomes and performance measures outlined below reflect direct stakeholder feedback and provide a framework that allows grant recipients to evaluate project activities more accurately in relation to each program's statutory purpose.

For recipients, the measures are:

- More feasible to accomplish and measure within a grant's period of performance;
- Better aligned with grant program purpose and recipient activities; and
- More reflective of work performed during the project.

These performance measures will go into effect beginning with the FY2023 grant application cycle.

Outcome 1: Encourage Collaborative Approaches to Strengthen the Capacity of a Regional Food System

1.1 Number of partnerships and/or collaborations established through project activities _____. Of those, the number of:

1.1.a Formalized written agreements (i.e., MOU's, signed contracts, etc.) _____.

1.1.b Partnerships between producers and institutions _____.

1.1.c That reported:

i. Higher profits _____.

ii. More efficient use of resources _____.

iii. Increased access to institutional consumers _____.

iv. Other mid-tier value chain enhancements (such as improved capacity to transport products to market) _____.

1.2 Number of new/improved distribution systems developed _____. Of those, the number that:

1.2.a Stemmed from new partnerships _____.

1.2.b Stemmed from increased efficiency _____.

1.2.c Stemmed from reduced costs _____.

1.2.d Stemmed from expanded customer reach _____.

1.2.e Stemmed from increased online presence _____.

1.3 Number of stakeholders that gained technical knowledge about resources within the regional food system _____.

1.4 Number of stakeholders that gained knowledge about more efficient and effective distribution systems _____.

1.5 Number of stakeholders that adopted best practices or new technologies to improve distribution systems _____.

1.6 Number of stakeholders trained on how to develop or maintain a direct-to-consumer enterprise ____.

1.7 Amount of non-Federal financial, professional, and technical assistance resources secured because of project activities, measured in dollars ____.

Outcome 2: Develop New Market Opportunities for Regional Producers and Processors

2.1 Number of partnerships and/or collaborations established between producers/processors and market access points _____. Of those, the number:

2.1.a Formalized with written agreements (i.e., MOU's, signed contracts, etc.) _____.

2.1.b That reported:

i. Higher profits _____.

ii. Increased access to institutional consumers _____.

iii. Other mid-tier value chain enhancements (such as improved capacity to transport products to market) _____.

2.2 Number of producers/processors who increased production to meet increased demand _____.

2.3 Number of market access points that gained knowledge about how to procure or access local foods _____. Of those, the number that were:

2.3.a Farmers markets _____.

2.3.b Roadside stands _____.

2.3.c Agritourism _____.

2.3.d Grocery stores _____.

2.3.e Wholesale markets/buyers _____.

2.3.f Restaurants _____.

2.3.g Agricultural cooperatives _____.

2.3.h Retailers _____.

2.3.i Distributors _____.

2.3.j Food hubs _____.

2.3.k Shared-use kitchens _____.

2.3.l School food programs _____.

2.3.m Community-supported agriculture (CSAs) _____.

2.3.n Other _____.

2.4 Number of new strategies developed to improve local/regional food processing, distribution, aggregation, or storage _____.

2.4.a Number of stakeholders trained to use new strategies _____.

2.5 Number of market access points that reported increased or improved processing, distribution, storage, and/or aggregation of regionally produced agricultural products _____.

Outcome 3: Improve the Infrastructure of a Regional Food System Through Development of Business and/or Strategic Plans and Feasibility Studies (Planning and Design Projects Only)

- 3.1** Number of supply chain analyses, market assessments, feasibility, or other relevant studies developed ____.
- 3.2** Number of supply chain analyses, market assessments, feasibility, or other relevant studies conducted ____.
- 3.3** Number of projects:
 - 3.3.a** Deemed viable after conducting studies ____.
 - 3.3.b** Deemed not viable after conducting studies ____.
- 3.4** Number of business development plans created ____.
- 3.5** Number of strategic plans developed ____.
- 3.6** Amount of non-Federal financial, professional, and technical assistance resources secured because of the developed plan(s), measured in dollars ____.