

LAMP Grants: What is New in 2025

Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program

Reorganization of RFA Structure

This Request for Applications (RFA) was reorganized following the recent changes to the Uniform Guidance, [Appendix I to Part 200, Title 2](#). The reorganization lists basic program information upfront and the application submission requirements at the end.

AMS General Terms and Conditions

The [AMS General Terms and Conditions](#) have been updated to reflect recent changes to the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) including changes to De minimis rate from 10% to 15% and equipment threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Project Narrative Form

The project narrative form is now provided as an MS Word document (instead of a fillable PDF). Applications can be developed in MS Word but must be converted to PDF and attached to the Grants.gov application package using the “Project Narrative Attachment Form” link in Grants.gov.

Risk Review

A new section on reviewing risk (Section 6.3.1 - Risk Review) was added to describe the factors used by AMS to evaluate the risk posted by applicants before making an award.

Prior to making a Federal award, AMS will review the risk of applicants in managing federal funds. AMS will review the applicant’s financial stability, the quality of their management systems and standards, the performance managing federal grants, audit reports and findings, the ability to effectively implement Federal award requirements, and make sure that the applicant has policies and procedures in place to manage a federal award. AMS will review the applicant’s responsibility and qualification records in SAM.gov, USA Spending, Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) along with any comments entered by the applicant. For additional information refer to [2 CFR 200.206](#).

If the applicant is found to present significant risk, AMS may choose not to fund the application or place specific conditions ([2 CFR § 200.208](#)) on the award.

AMS will follow government-wide rules which prevent making awards to applicants that have been suspended or debarred from receiving federal awards.

Definition of “Project”

[Section 9.1 Definitions](#) has been updated to include the definition for “project.”

Project means a set of interrelated tasks with a cohesive, distinct, specified, and defined goal. It follows a planned, organized approach over a fixed period of time and within specific limitations (cost, performance/quality, etc.). Additionally, it uses resources that are specifically allocated to the work of the project and usually involves a team of people. Projects are different from other ongoing operations in an organization because, unlike operations, projects have a definitive beginning and end – they have a

limited duration. A project has an overarching goal that the applicant wants to accomplish through a series of individual activities or tasks.

Regional Food System Partnership Program

Areas of Concentrated Poverty

Applicants applying under the “areas of concentrated poverty” priority area must provide a [Distressed Communities Index](#) (DCI) to show the project benefits area(s) in distressed low-income rural or urban communities with areas of persistent poverty that provide significant opportunities for high impact investment. This must be provided in the Project Narrative as a “distressed” or “at-risk” score on the DCI.

Farm to Institution

The Farm to Institution project type is no longer available under RFSP.

All AMS LAMP Grants

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Contact Us and Learn More!

For questions about these grant opportunities, after closely reviewing the RFA and FAQs, please email:

FMLFPPGrants@usda.gov for questions related to the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program.

IPPGGrants@usda.gov for questions related to the Regional Food System Partnership Grant.

Program Website Links:

- [Farmers Market Promotion Program](#)
- [Local Food Promotion Program](#)
- [Regional Food System Partnership Program](#)

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