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### **2019 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

Q: Has the current Covid-19 crisis affected the USDA Equipment Assistance Grant submission deadline?

A: Yes. The deadline to submit the 2019 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant has been extended to 4:00pm Friday, May 29, 2020.

Q: Where do I find our Federal Financial Assistance Funding Opportunity Number?

A: The Federal Financial Assistance Funding Opportunity Number is located at the top of the Request for Application under Overview. Funding Opportunity Number: 195FL360N8103

Q: Is it allowed to request two of a particular item? i.e. Two steam tables or two milk coolers.

A: Yes. You may request more than 1 of the same type of equipment for one site or multiple sites. Each requested equipment item must be a minimum of \$1,000.

Q: Can applicants awarded the 2019 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant in round one reapply?

A: No. Applicants awarded the 2019 USDA NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant in the first round of the Request for Application need not apply.

Q: Can an applicant request used or refurbished equipment?

A: No. Equipment request may include new equipment, renovation of equipment, or replacement of equipment.

Q: Can my sponsorship apply for the equipment assistance grant for a site that is currently under another sponsor but will be a site under our sponsorship for the 2020-2021 school year (SY)?

A: No. Sponsors can only apply for sites that are currently listed as an active site under the Sites module in the Florida Automated Nutrition System (FANS).

Q: What is the agreement number?

A: The agreement number is also known as the sponsor number. The agreement/sponsor number is located in FANS.

Q: Is the applicant required to attach a single quote or three quotes per equipment item request?

A: Sponsors are only required to attach a single quote per item to determine equipment value.

Q: Is the FEIN number the same as the FEID number?

A: Yes, for the National School Lunch Program the FEIN and FEID numbers are the same.

Q: Is the purchase of bulk milk dispensers applicable for the equipment grant?

A: Yes. Equipment is defined as tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the governmental unit for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000 (2 CFR Part 200). Congress has specified that the threshold for the purchase of equipment has been lowered to \$1,000. Minimum amount request per equipment item is \$1,000. Total funding amount requested shall not exceed \$100,000 per sponsor.

Q: Can previous applicants and awardees of the Equipment Assistance Grant apply for the 2019 USDA NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant?

A: Yes, previous applicants and or awardees may apply for the equipment grant every year it is offered. Priority will be given to those applicants that have never been awarded the equipment grant. Please review the evaluation criteria chart regarding points received for previous NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant awardees. Applicants award the 2019 USDA NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant in the first round of the Request for Application need not apply.

Q: Do you have to complete a previous year grant before applying for the current year grant?

A: No. Sponsors can apply for the NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant each year it's offered.

Q: Does the equipment requested need to be installed and in use during the 2019-2020 SY?

A: No. Awardees will have until September 30, 2021 to purchase all awarded requested equipment. Equipment must be purchased, installed, and operating before requesting reimbursement.

Q: Is a hood system an allowable cost?

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Q: Can we resubmit the same application submitted in round one if the equipment has now already been purchased?

A: If you were not awarded in round one for the equipment I would advise not to resubmit the same application as there may be a possibility your application submission was incomplete. If you were

awarded the 2019 grant your sponsorship need not apply as this round is for sponsors that were not awarded or missed the opportunity to apply.

Q: If a sponsor is requesting the same type equipment for the same purpose at multiple sites can they use the same verbiage for each site equipment justification?

A: Yes, if it is the same type of equipment being used for the same purpose. A friendly reminder the sponsor must complete an equipment justification for each site they are applying for. If there are multiple pieces of equipment the justification cannot be generalized. There must be a justification for each piece of equipment requested.