

## RFA #16-23

### The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Project

#### Questions & Answers

	RFA Section	Question	Answer
1		For applicants who previously responded to the now-cancelled RFA 37-22 for this same project, is there a summary of what the differences are from RFA 37-22 to RFA 16-23 so we can discern what content needs to be changed/added/removed from our original application?	RFA 16-23 is independent from RFA 37-22, however, questions and issues raised during RFA 37-22 were considered in preparation of RFA 16-23. Applicants should carefully review the current RFA and submit applications accordingly.
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2		Is this available for a newly established nonprofit?	To be eligible for selection, applicants must be in compliance with the Mandatory Responsive Requirements outlined in RFA Section II-1. In accordance with RFA Section II-1.C, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
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3		I just saw that the new RFA has been posted, but I have yet to spot a difference between it and the cancelled RFA due in September. Is there anything highlighting changes between the two documents?	See response to Question 1.
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4		“Opening Location: This Is Not A Public Opening” and wanted to confirm that this RFA is available for us to apply to and wasn’t closed.	The Opening Location refers to the opening of sealed applications and does not impact application submittals. Applicants should follow the instructions in Sections I-11 and I-12, to submit electronic applications prior to the solicitation due date and time.
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5		Are you able to provide us the award amount to help us create a budget?	Applicants should propose fair and reasonable budgets to suit their proposed project. There is no federally

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			imposed limit to the federal funds which may be requested. The state funding will be divided across the six regions. The Department intends to award at least one grant in each service region and may use any remaining funds for additional grants within any region.
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6		Our question is related to identifying outcomes such as the # that we would pre-screen for SNAP benefits or the # that we plan to assist with submitting applications. Since the initial award is only for 9 months, would you recommend identifying our 9-month projections and also what we project thereafter for a full year award?	Applicants should prepare their application in the manner which they believe best responds to the requirements of this RFA.
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7	I-3, I-5	<p>Please provide clarification regarding the number of applications per service region that will be accepted from an individual applicant.</p> <p>a. The RFA makes differing statements regarding the number of applications per region, by using the words “must” and “should.” In Section I-3, it is stated that “Applicants <b>should</b> submit only one application per region.” In Section I-5, it is stated that “Applicants <b>must</b> submit a separate application ... for each service region for which it seeks to application” followed by “Applicants <b>should</b> submit only one application per service region. In Section B it is stated that “Applicants may submit applications for more than one service region; however, each service region <b>must</b> be submitted as a separate application and Applicants <b>may</b> only submit one application per service region.</p> <p>b. If an applicant does submit more than one application per region, how will that be handled?</p>	<p>(a.) Per the RFA, applicants should submit one application per region and should combine any locations or projects within the same region into the application. If applicants are submitting applicants for more than one region, each region should be a separate application. Applicants should identify which county(ies) within the region they will serve as part of their application. Please refer to Appendix D for the map of counties within each region.</p>

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			(b.) Applicants may only submit one application per region but may propose multiple counties within that region. If applicants are submitting for more than one region, each region should be a separate application. If an applicant submits more than one application in a region, the latest submitted application received prior to solicitation due date and time will be treated as the application for that region.
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8		Will an applicant be penalized, or scored differently, for serving only part of a region?	Per section II-4, the Evaluation Criteria for this RFA will be based upon the Soundness of Approach, Applicant Qualifications, Personnel Qualifications, Cost, and Understanding the Project.