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Local Food Purchasing Agreement (LFPA) Statewide Consortium (Track 1) Information for Producers

Purpose

Strengthen the local and regional food system.

Support local and socially disadvantaged producers through building and expanding economic opportunities.

Establish and broaden partnerships with producers and the food distribution community, and local food networks, including non-profits to ensure distribution of fresh and nutrition foods in rural, remote, or underserved communities.

Definitions

Local or regional producers – farmers, ranchers, producers, processors or distributors and other businesses involved in food production or distribution that are located in the state.

Local or regional food - food that is raised, produced, aggregated, stored, processed, and distributed in the locality or region where the final product is marketed to consumers, so that the total distance that the product travels between the farm or ranch where the product originates and the point of sale to the end consumer is at most 400 miles, or both the final market and the origin of the product are within the same State, territory, or tribal land.

For value-added products, all ingredients must meet this requirement and processors must be headquartered in Indiana.

Socially disadvantaged producers – a member of a group whose members have been subject to discrimination on the basis of

- Age,
- Race,
- Color,
- Sex,
- National origin,
- Disability,
- Religion.

Underserved communities – areas in which the population shares a particular characteristic, and geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and

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other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Products to be purchased at fair market value

- Produce (fruits and vegetables),
- Protein (meat, chicken, fish, eggs),
- Dairy (milk, cheese).

All food purchased must meet the definition of local and domestic. Producers who meet the definition of socially disadvantaged are prioritized.

Project Plan

A consortium consisting of all Indiana food banks will

- direct purchasing of agricultural products from socially disadvantaged producers,
- determine products and quantities they wish to purchase,
- recommend local producers to Fresh Connect staff,
- engage local producers to establish long-term relationships that extend past the grant period,
- effect relationships with appropriate distribution sites within their respective service areas, prioritizing those areas designated by IDOH WIC/TEFAP Division as underserved.

Producers will

- register with Gleaners' Fresh Connect,
- provide a list of available agricultural products with estimated quantities, availability timeframes, and pricing,
- provide information on qualification as socially disadvantaged.

Gleaners' Fresh Connect will

- purchase products on behalf of the consortium,
- provide logistics for purchasing and delivery of products,
- provide last mile reimbursement to consortium members.

IDOH WIC/TEFAP Division will

- establish and distribute a target distribution map,
- provide reporting requirements and associated forms to consortium members,
- provide technical assistance and guidance to all parties,
- ensure a preponderance of funding is used to purchase agricultural products,
- perform data gathering and reporting as required by the grant.