



**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Equitable Food Access: Home Delivered Meals
May 19, 2021**

RFA Overview:

Question 1: How long will this grant operate?

Answer 1: See page 8, section 1.4.2

Question 2: How long will this grant operate?

Answer 2: See page 8, section 1.4.2 of this RFA.

Question 3: Is there a copy of the terms and conditions of this grant?

Answer 3: Yes, page 4 of this RFA. Any additional terms and conditions will be discussed and provided at pre-award.

Question 4: Is there a match requirement for this grant?

Answer 4: No, cost sharing / matching are not required for this grant.

Scope of Services:

Question 5: What is meant by referral pathway to food access programs? Please describe “referrals” to other local and federal nutrition/food access programs including WIC, SNAP/EBT, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, School Based Nutrition Markets, Produce Incentives, and Healthy Corner Stores?

Answer 5: An applicant is expected to demonstrate capacity to implement a system to connect participants in the Home Delivered Meals Program into other local and federal nutrition/food access programs including WIC, SNAP/EBT, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, School Based Nutrition Markets, Produce Incentives, and Healthy Corner Stores over the course of the three year project period. For example, a referral pathway can include providing information (verbal, print, digital, etc.) to the Home Delivered Meals program participants on how to apply for WIC, SNAP/EBT, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, School Based Nutrition Markets, Produce Incentives, and Healthy Corner Stores. An applicant is also expected to demonstrate capacity to receive referrals from WIC, SNAP/EBT, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, School Based Nutrition Markets, Produce Incentives and Healthy Corner Stores into the Home Delivered Meals program. An applicant is not expected to assist residents to apply for local and federal nutrition/food access programs.

Question 6: What is meant by “clinical community linkages”? Is the applicant expected to establish partnerships with only clinical providers to facilitate referrals into the Produce Incentive Program?

Answer 6: Please refer to the glossary on page 33. Applicants are expected to describe how they will build partnerships with at least a total of five federally qualified health centers (FQHC), community based organizations, *and* District agencies to increase enrollment into the Home Delivered Meals program.

Question 7: Can you explain what you mean by Linkages to Social Supports?

Answer 7: Yes, please see section 3.3, subsection 2, bullet C. These outside organizations can also provide services related to childcare, education, housing, transportation, and physical activity. Applicants are expected to describe how they will link Home Delivered Meal program participants with these five (5) outside organizations. Applicants are not expected to establish partnerships with all five (5) outside organizations within the first year of the project.

Question 8: On page 16, Section 3.3. Bullet 2b describes “Referral Pathway to Food Access Programs”. How is the referral pathway into other Food Access Programs measured?

Answer 8: Please see page 14 of the RFA: Outcome Area 2: Systems Alignment Section A.

Question 9: Section 3.1 on page 15 states that the target population of this funding opportunity is District residents aged 18 years and older who are diagnosed with or at risk for high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, pre-diabetes, diabetes, and/or obesity. Is this funding intended to serve *only* District residents with or at risk for those conditions, or can an applicant propose to serve residents with additional chronic conditions?

Answer 9: In terms of chronic conditions, the RFA states that the target population is residents aged 18 years and older who are *diagnosed with or at risk for* high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, pre-diabetes, diabetes, and/or obesity. An applicant may propose serving residents with other chronic conditions, however the applicant shall indicate plans to target residents with or at risk for the above listed conditions, as well as capacity to collect and report on this data.

Question 10: Can you clarify the role of the “Food Navigator”?

Answer 10: A food navigator can be compared to a community health worker. The Food Navigator is a role performed by a staff person who assists with increasing enrollment and engagement in the Healthy Corner Store program, conducts outreach to the community, and connects participants with community resources to support a healthy lifestyle. Outreach can be completed virtually, over the phone, or in-person. This person can be an existing staff person. the role does not need to be created for the purposes of this funding opportunity.

Question 11: How is DC defining multilevel intervention?

Answer 11: See page 34.

Question 12: Is the applicant expected to measure all outcomes listed in Section 2.2.2?

Answer 12: Upon award, DC Health will work with the grantee to finalize performance indicators and outcomes. In the application, applicants are expected to demonstrate capacity of their organization to collect outcomes listed in Section 2.2.2.

Question 13: Is the applicant limited to only serving residents of Ward 5, 7, and 8?

Answer 13: Applicants are not limited to serving residents in Wards 5, 7 and 8, however an applicant shall describe how they will prioritize District residents in Wards 5, 7, and 8.

Grants Insurance Coverage:

Question 14: Will the Office of Risk Management (ORM) be able to share the slides presented during the pre-application conference?

Answer 14: Yes, DC Health will post the slides with this FAQ. If you are interested in doing a preliminary compliance check of your insurance coverages, you are welcome to email both your Certificate of Insurance (COI) and a copy of your full cyber liability coverage to jennifer.prats@dc.gov. Both documents are required for the compliance check.

Application Requirements:

Question 15: Is the applicant required to allocate ten percent of the award amount to evaluation activities in their budget?

Answer 15: See page 22 of the RFA.

Question 16: Can organizations apply for more than one RFA released by DC Health?

Answer 16: Yes, organizations can apply to more than one RFA released by DC Health.

Question 17: Regarding Work Plan and Evaluation Plans requested in the RFA, should these plans reflect year one only or should applicants project out for the additional two option years?

Answer 17: The work plan and evaluation plan should only reflect the first year of the project, October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

AMENDMENTS TO RFA#: CHA_HDMP_04.30.21

An amended RFA is attached. The new text is highlighted in red and is as follows:

1. Page 16, 3.3 Scope of Services, 1. Healthy Food Access

From: Applicants shall provide free, home-delivered, medically tailored meals and/or groceries to participants with, or at risk for chronic medical conditions and their caregivers.

To: Applicants shall provide free, home-delivered, medically tailored meals and/or groceries to participants with, or at risk for chronic medical conditions and their caregivers **on a weekly basis.**

2. Page 16 Language Correction, 3.3 Scope of Services, 1. Healthy Food Access

From C. Applicant shall source at least 10% of all produce in corner stores from local vendors

To C. Increased Procurement of Local Produce: Applicant shall source at least 10% of all produce ***within the Home Delivered Meals Program from*** local vendors.

3. Page 15, 3.1 Target Population

From Applicants shall provide services to at least 500 District residents aged 18 years and older who are diagnosed with or at risk for high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, pre-diabetes, diabetes, and/or obesity, AND participate in one or more of the following programs: SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, TANF, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, SSI Disability, Medicare QMB

To Applicants shall provide services to at least 500 District residents aged 18 years and older who are diagnosed with or at risk for high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, pre-diabetes, diabetes, and/or obesity ***and are eligible for the following programs: SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, TANF, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, SSI Disability, Medicare QMB***