

Food for Progress FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Questions and Answers

July 1-July 3, 2025

- 1) **Q. In reference to Section 4: Specific Application Formats, the NOFO reads, “Applications should: Use Times New Roman size 12 font with one-inch margins.” Would USDA be amenable to specifying a reduced minimum font size for tables, graphics, charts?**

A. Yes, 10 pt font size is permissible in tables, textboxes, and graphs.

- 2) **Q. Past Performance Reviews (pg.16 of the NOFO): If there is a proposed subrecipient receiving more than 20% of the operating budget of a project, does their Past Performance Review count towards the maximum of 3 reviews allowed for the applicant, or the lead applicant can submit 1 to 3 reviews and the subrecipient submits an additional one (for a total of up to 4)?**

A. The applicant may submit up to three past performance reviews and an additional past performance review must be submitted to each subrecipient receiving funding of 20% or more of the operating budget. In this case, the total is four.

- 3) **Q. Could you please share grants.gov a detailed budget template?**

A. A detailed budget template is available in grants.gov under the section “[Related Documents](#)” and in FAIS under the section [Forms and Guidance](#).

- 4) **Q. Can local public institutions from the targeted countries be subrecipients on a Food for Progress project?**

A. Yes, local public institutions from targeted countries can be subrecipients as long as they meet the Eligible Entity requirements noted for the applicant in accordance with the Food for Progress Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. § 1736o).

- 5) **Q. Can you please clarify if a subrecipient must have an active UEI at the time of proposal submission, or only before receiving U.S. funds?**

A. A subrecipient can be named in the proposal without an active UEI but must obtain a UEI before receiving Federal funds.

- 6) **Q. Can you confirm that applications are being received this year, and that funding will be available?**

A. Funding is subject to availability and adherence to Federal Regulations. USDA/FAS reserves the right to make no awards under this competition. Please refer to pg. 37 – in the NOFO.

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7) Q. Is country guidance forthcoming?

A. No. There will be no country guidance forthcoming. Please refer to pg. 4, “NEW IN FY 2025” article 7.

8) Q. What commodities will be used for monetization?

A. Please refer to pg. 55: Appendix F – Potential Available Commodities of the NOFO. Also note, commodities listed are subject to change, based on price and availability. USDA/FAS has provided a link for additional details and is available here: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/international-procurement/commodity-requirements>.

9) Q. Will there be a scope of work for each priority country?

A. No. There will be no scope of work for any country. Please refer to pg. 4, “NEW IN FY 2025” article 7.

10) Q. Would you help me to have the application to apply please?

A. Applications must be submitted through the Food Aid Information System, available here: <https://www.fas.usda.gov/food-aid-information-system>. Please refer to pg. 24 – Submissions Requirements and Deadlines.