

McGovern-Dole FY2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity Q&A

Week of 04/10/2023

1. Q: Per the notice of funding, Applicants must include an organizational chart identifying all proposed positions, including Subrecipients' positions. Do all subrecipient positions also need to be included in the staffing plan with a brief description and level of experience?

A: Applicants should include Subrecipients in their staffing plans. As stated in Section D (4) (d) Organizational Capacity and Staffing on page 26 of the NOFO, "Applicants must identify any Subrecipient that would be involved and provide a description of each Subrecipient's responsibilities." The section also states: "Applicants must also identify key personnel positions in the staffing plan... If appropriate for project implementation, Applicants may designate staff of proposed Subrecipients as key personnel."

2. Q: Per page 19 and 24 of the NOFO, can USDA please clarify where Applicants should address challenges, opportunities and successes to avoid duplication?

A: Under Section D (4) (a) (ii) Introduction and Strategic Analysis, Main Section in the NOFO (page 19), FAS asks for an analysis of the Applicant's experience related to the broader country context, including "challenges they have faced, opportunities they have had..." with McGovern-Dole or other programming in the country. Then Section D (4) (b) Plan of Operation FAS asks, if relevant, for Applicants to describe their experience related to McGovern-Dole program implementation specifically and "efforts they will take to improve project implementation." Please note that Applicants should address these requirements in the appropriate sections of their Applications, which if relevant, may include detailing aspects of their experience in both the Introduction and Strategic Analysis and Plan of Operations sections.

3. Q: In case an applicant includes cost share, but the amount of cost share does not reach 1% of the total operating budget (cash portion), is it possible for that applicant to still receive any amount of bonus points, if not the full 2 points?

A: Section E (1) Application Review Criteria in the NOFO states: "...to be considered for bonus points, cost share should be equivalent to one percent or more of the total operating budget (cash portion)." Therefore, FAS will not consider cost share equivalent to less than one percent of the total operating budget for bonus points.