FY21 Food for Progress (FFPr) Limited Merit Based NOFO

Questions received as of June 16, 2021

1. On pages 10-11 of the FY 2021 FFPr Limited Merit Based Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (NOFO Number USDA-FAS-0700-10.606-D), it states that the budget narrative must include a one page summary table that provides a project budget breakdown in three ways: "1) By activity, 2) by project partner, and 3) By activity and subrecipient." If the existing project does not allocate or plan to allocate any funds directly to project partners, will USDA accept the project budget breakdown on this one-page summary table only in two ways: by activity and by activity and subrecipient?

   Yes. For example:

Summary of Total Project Operating Budget				
	Direct	**Indirect***	**Cost Share**	**Total**
Administration Total				
Activity Total				
Activity 1 – Prime				
Activity 1 – Subrecipient A				
Activity 2 – Prime				
Activity 3 – Prime				
Activity 3 – Subrecipient A				
Activity 4 – Prime				
Activity 4 – Subrecipient A				
Activity 4 – Subrecipient B				
Activity 4 – Subrecipient C				
Total				

2. Can you please clarify how USDA is defining the differences between "project partner" and "subrecipient" for the aforementioned budget narrative summary table?
   FFPr considers project partners to be entities which receive funds through the cooperative agreement including contractors that provide professional services valued at above $250K and any subrecipients. See 2 CFR section 200.331 for more information on subrecipient and contractor determinations.

3. What happens when an institution of a foreign government does not have a NICRA agreement to include indirect cost?
   Per Part D Section 3 Content Guidance – Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) of the NOFO, "If the Applicant does not have a NICRA, or it is not applicable, attach a brief note explaining the absence of this document." If electing to charge a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs, as allowed under 2 CFR 200.414(f), the institution must indicate this in the note.

4. Cost Share must be included in the budget when assumed by the executing institution at 100%?
   Cost share can include any cash or third-party in-kind contributions that meet the criteria provided in 2 CFR 200.306(b).