

Frequently Asked Question on the Supplemental NOFO (add Grants number here)

1. What is the intent of this Supplemental NOFO and how should we apply to this supplemental NOFO?
Answer: The Supplemental NOFO was created to provide the administrative tool for expanded transparency on the amendment process for active/current projects. USDA seeks to address the needs identified in existing projects to add commodity, freight, and/or administrative funds when circumstances warrant the action. As noted in the NOFOs, eligible applicants (i.e. those implementing partners with active/current projects) will be contacted directly by the International Food Assistance Division (IFAD) to apply to this Standing Supplemental NOFO once a determination that the circumstances warrant the amendment of active/current projects has been made. Applicants that respond to the standing NOFOs without prior approval from IFAD will not be considered.
2. Does this Standing Supplemental NOFO replace the 2020 annual FFPr and McGovern-Dole NOFOs?
Answer: No, the FY2020 Standing Supplemental NOFOs are distinct from the FY2020 McGovern-Dole and Food for Progress NOFOs for new awards. The FY2020 McGovern-Dole and FY 2020 Food for Progress NOFOs will be a separate announcement, published on both Grants.gov and the FAIS Homepage.
3. The Projected Period of Performance is listed as “applicable to base award”. Is it possible to apply for this supplemental funding and a project extension?
Answer: Supplemental funding and an extension to the project period of performance will not be considered within the same amendment request.
4. Will USDA hold a virtual listening session with external stakeholders to provide clarity?
Answer: Yes, USDA is planning to hold a public virtual listening session for external stakeholders to provide clarity on both the Supplemental NOFO and the FY2020 Food Assistance NOFOs, shortly following the latter’s publication.
5. Does this Standing NOFO impact FY20 NOFO funding for anticipated new awards?
Answer: No, this Standing NOFO does not impact FY2020 McGovern-Dole/Food for Progress funding for anticipated new awards.
6. Is the Standing Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity only applicable to countries on USDA’s FY20 Priority List?
Answer: No. The FY2020 Standing Supplemental NOFOs are distinct from the FY2020 McGovern-Dole and Food for Progress NOFOs for new awards, and therefore also distinct from the FY20 priority lists for new awards. Under the Supplemental NOFO, there has been no change in any existing practices or policies within USDA’s food assistance programs, and implementing partners for active/current projects from any country could be invited to apply by IFAD based once a determination that the circumstances warrant the amendment has been made.
7. Are USDA implementing partners with existing cooperative agreements in countries that are not on the FY20 Priority List eligible to apply for this available funding in other countries (where they do not have a cooperative agreement)?

Answer: Please see responses above. The supplemental NOFO was not issued to change any existing practices or policies within USDA's food assistance programs. Rather, it serves as an administrative tool that provides for expanded transparency on our current programming.

8. Will/can USDA review and respond to submissions to this Standing Supplemental NOFO earlier than 30 September?

Answer: Please see responses under Answer 1 regarding the invitation to apply. Subject to the availability of funding, invitations to apply will be sent out periodically between now and July 2020. The deadline for submissions on the FY2020 Standing Supplemental NOFOs is August 1, 2020. Under this NOFO, the USDA will not consider amendments requesting supplemental funding after this date. This deadline provides USDA with sufficient time to process the amendments ahead of the end of the FY2020 fiscal year (September 30, 2020). Please note that moving forward and subject to funding availability, USDA intends to issue future Standing Supplemental NOFOs at the beginning of each FY as an ongoing administrative tool for expanded transparency of our current programming.