



**The Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) is part of the “Build Back Better” initiative,** authorized by the American Rescue Plan and will award non-competitive cooperative agreements. The purpose of this program is to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency and will award up to \$400 million through non-competitive cooperative agreements with state and tribal governments to support local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers through the purchase of domestic local foods. USDA will provide technical assistance, instruction, and monitor the program for success.

### **State and Tribal Governments**

- Allows for state and tribal governments to procure and distribute local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious, and unique to their geographic area.
- Food that meets the needs of the population, and serve feeding programs, including food banks, schools and organizations that reach underserved communities.
- Cooperative agreement recipients will be required to submit performance reports that will include data regarding their procurement and distribution to ensure program goals are met.
- The period of performance for the cooperative agreements will be for up to 2 years following the date of award.
- The statutory Emergency Food Assistance Program funding formula will serve as a guide to determine allocation by State to ensure the distribution of funds corresponds to feeding needs in each State.
- State and tribal governments can apply for the LFPA Program at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) using this funding opportunity number: USDA-AMS-10182-LFPA0000-22-0001.

### **Local Farmers and Ranchers**

- Funds will help increase the consumptions of local food and build and expand economic opportunity for local and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.
- Local and regional farmers and ranchers are those within the state or territory or 400 miles of delivery destination.
- Food purchases are not limited to fresh produce. Any food or beverage product that meets the definition for domestic and local (local as defined in the RFA) are permissible. This includes processed products and seafood.



Additional information and resources [Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program | Agricultural Marketing Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

Questions about the LFPA program can be submitted through [LFPA@usda.gov](mailto:LFPA@usda.gov)