

**FEED OHIO: SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM
R-89-01-0743**

CLARIFICATION

Several questions have been posed in the Q&A period of the RFGA process regarding grant application requirements. In order to clarify these specifications, please find below a listing of requirements and qualifications that interested applicants **must demonstrate** in their grant applications in order to be considered for a grant award:

Programmatic Requirements

1. Interested applicants must be **approved USDA SFSP “sponsors”** that will propose and establish **at least two new SFSP sites** with enrichment programs that accompany the SFSP meal during the Summer of 2008. An authorized Ohio SFSP Site Application (see **Appendix A**) must be completed and included with the grant proposal to ensure that the sponsor and the new sites are pre-approved to run the SFSP by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). In addition to completing **Appendix A**, applicants must explain in writing the need for a SFSP site at their proposed locations. Sites must meet all of the eligibility requirements set forth by ODE and USDA in order to qualify for funding.

In the event that ODE is unable to sign the applicant’s Ohio SFSP Site Application (**Appendix A**), applicants must include an unsigned copy with the grant proposal. If the applicant is being considered as a Feed Ohio grant recipient, the ODE-approved SFSP Site Application must be submitted to ODJFS before the award can be effective

2. Applicants must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that performs year-round direct service in a particular community. Applicants must include a copy of their 501(c)(3) certification with their Feed Ohio grant proposals as specified in Section 5.2, B., 2.
3. Interested applicants must have at least three years of organizational experience working with children in a camp, academic, or enrichment program setting.
4. The applicant must affirm that each proposed site will be overseen by a **separate** enrichment Program Director who must be a paid employee with, at minimum, an Associate’s Degree and at least three years of experience working with children in a school setting, after-school program, enrichment program, or camp setting;
5. The applicant must affirm that, if awarded a grant, all paid and volunteer staff members shall undergo a mandatory background check. The applicant shall be responsible for any and all costs incurred by the background checks and their delivery to GOFBCI; and,
6. The applicant must provide a technical approach and plan for developing a curriculum and executing an enrichment program (which at minimum, must feature academic and social enrichment activities, physical activities, and nutrition education) that accompanies the SFSP meal to be implemented at each approved site.

Procedural Requirements

7. The proposal must be received by the deadline as specified in Sections 1.6 and 5.1.
8. The applicant must submit four (4) paper copies (one original and three copies) and one electronic copy of their grant application (proposal).
9. The applicant’s proposal must include all required affirmative statements and certifications, signed by the applicant’s responsible representative, as described in **Attachments A., and C.** to the RFGA.
10. According to those certifications, the applicant must affirmatively indicate that it is not on the federal debarment list; that there are no unfair labor findings against it; and it is not in violation of ORC Section 9.24, and therefore may enter into an agreement with ODJFS.
11. ODJFS’ review of the Auditor of State website must verify that the applicant is not excluded from entering into an agreement with ODJFS by ORC Section 9.24 for an unresolved finding for recovery (*i.e.*, the proposal of any applicant whose name appears on the Auditor’s website as having an unresolved finding for recovery will be eliminated from further consideration.).

Applicants that do not meet all the above experience and qualifications (programmatic and procedural) will be disqualified from further consideration for grant award.