

**APPLICANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
FEED OHIO: SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SUPPORT
R-1011-21-8033**

Q & A period: November 16, 2009-January 11, 2010

Interim Question and Answer Document

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November 20, 2009

**Julia Wise, Executive Director
Highland County Community Action Organization**

Q1. I have reviewed the RFP for Summer Food Program Sites. Is there any way that any entity in Highland County can apply for funding as there are no previous sites funded in our county. Highland County has the highest unemployment rate in the state and a program could be used.

A1. Only approved 2009 SFSP sponsors may apply for this funding opportunity. If your organization is seeking information on becoming an SFSP site, you may contact Mary Forster of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) at mary.forster@ode.state.oh.us.

Appendix E includes the list of 2009 SFSP sponsors who may be eligible to apply for this funding opportunity. Previous awarded Feed Ohio grants have included sites in counties adjacent to approved sponsors. For additional information on connecting with a 2009 SFSP sponsor, please access the Summer Food Service Program Clickable Map of Ohio Locations included in Applicant Library (Appendix B) at <https://oh.cnpcares.com/summer/SfspFoodServByCnty.asp>.

**Marlisa Young
Agape Community Development Center
Sandusky, OH**

Q2. Our organization would like to apply for this grant opportunity. We are a new site. How do we go about applying for this program? Please advise.

A2. Please refer to A1.

Herb Ford

Q3. I represent 3 non-profit organizations, The Heir Force Academy Daycare, Heir Force Community School and Helping Hands Economic Development group. We are currently willing to apply for this proposal, however I am only aware of the USDA food program we run through our daycare. Since we ran a summer program that allowed low income families to have free lunch at our program would we be considered an approved site? And for that matter can we apply for this grant in our current status?

A3. **Eligible organizations for this grant opportunity must be 2009 SFSP sponsors through ODE who are currently in good standing with ODE (not delinquent in any Child and Adult Food Care Programs). Organizations not included on the list featured in Appendix B are encouraged to contact a local sponsor. Please also refer to A1.**

November 21, 2009

Crystal Wagner
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Q4. All grant requests are for established sponsors and there are none in our community. Our church already has a feeding program in place for adults and families but we would like to expand it this year to a summer feeding program which if it is successful we would like to build into a latch key program in the fall. The problem here is we are not sure how to go about it and we need help with the financing.

A4. Please refer to A1.

November 23, 2009

Kim Emch, Director
Serving Our Neighbors Ministries Inc.
And Upper Arlington Lutheran Church - Hilliard Missions

Q5. I am looking at applying as an existing Summer Lunch Sponsor for the: The Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI) has released the Feed Ohio: Summer Food Service Program Support Request for Grant Applications (RFGA). Can you please tell me in what dollar amounts these grants may be given?

A5. Grant awards will vary based on a variety of factors. However, site costs generally should not exceed \$12,500.00. The per-site cap does not include costs related to the overall administration of the grant. Please refer to the Sections 1.1 (Paragraph 6 and 7) and 5.4, C. (p. 16), of the RFGA for a more detailed explanation.

November 27, 2009

Alice Anderson, Director
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Q6. I am interested in getting the information on serving as a summer food service program site. I understand that as a new entity we would need the assistance of an existing sponsor. I have the listing that you provided but do not see any contact information from any of those on the list. We are in Summit County, and would like to contact the agencies listed there. Can you help us with what we need to do to contact them?

A6. Contact information for existing sponsors can be obtained from the **Summer Food Service Program Clickable Map of Ohio Locations included in the Applicant Library (Appendix B)** at <https://oh.cnpcares.com/summer/SfspFoodServByCntv.asp>. Please also refer to A1.

November 30, 2009

Elvin Friesen, Director
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Q7. We are looking at expanding our summer program but the expanded program would eat at the same site as used last year. The question comes from the wording in the summary that says "new and/or existing site" Then the next sentence says new site. Can we apply for an expansion of programs at the same site?

A7. Yes you can apply for expansion of programs at an existing site. However applicants, must applicants must identify at least one new SFSP site (at a location where a site has not previously existed), in order to be eligible for this funding opportunity. (Per Section 1.1 of the RFGA). In addition to the required new site, grantees may also request grant funds to support programming or strengthen the infrastructure at existing SFSP sites.

Ann Musgrove
Community Action Organization Scioto County

Q8. If we are already an established Summer Food site do I need to fill out all of these forms again?

A8. Yes. Please fully complete all required documentation as instructed in the RFGA for this grant opportunity. Please note that in order to be eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must identify at least one new SFSP site (at a location where a site has not previously existed).

December 1, 2009

Jill Weiszner
Camp Chabad/Green Road Synagogue

Q9. I run a Faith Based Summer Day Camp Program and would be very interested in learning more about this opportunity. Will there be a seminar for this? Who can I speak to in regards to the details? I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

A9. We will not be holding a seminar for this RFGA. Please send any questions regarding the RFGA through the online Q&A system. GOFBCI and ODJFS staff are unable to answer questions regarding this RFGA due to the communication prohibitions in Section 4.4 of the RFGA. Please note that until these grants are awarded, the only approved method of communication about this opportunity is through this Internet Q&A, so that all information is shared openly and equally.

Blanche Chatman

Q10. At the present time we are a church located on East 116th Street, and we were wondering if we were eligible to provide a summer program in the church? We are working on opening a day care by 2010. We are willing to work with any organization.

A10. Please refer to A1.

Ronda Clark
Executive Director
Community Food Initiatives
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Q11. I am reading the info on the Feed Ohio grant and I have a question about the curriculum specified in the RFP document. Our organization (Community Food Initiatives) used a curriculum that we created around gardening and eating healthy at our 2009 SFSP in Athens, Ohio. Can we use this curriculum or do we need to find another one?

We developed the curriculum to include info on gardening, healthy cooking, composting, insects and anything that goes along with gardening and healthy food. It was extremely successful and the kids responded well to the practical hands on approach. They were involved 5 days a week in growing their own garden, harvesting the produce, cooking their own meal (for the SFSP), working with Athens Farmers Market vendors and other garden related activities. The children were focused and well behaved and they have all commented that they are doing better in school, both academically and socially. We are wanting to expand the number of days we serve the SFSP to more days and we are interested in using our curriculum again.

A11. Curriculum used for the Feed Ohio grant must be based on a proven outcomes- and research-based curriculum and provide social, academic and physical enrichment activities that are proven to reduce high-risk behaviors among youth. Additional information on the curriculum requirements can be found in Section II of the RFGA. The proposed curriculum must meet the criteria defined in the RFGA. We are unable to pre-approve the use of a particular curriculum.

December 16, 2009

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Q12. Please clarify - our program is on the approved sponsored list. My question is: Is this a new SFSP Application process or is this an additional funding opportunity? In the past, we have filled out a SFSP Interest Form, Application, Budget, etc. (on-line) and gone through SFSP Training but in reading through this material it seems this is more of a full grant writing procedure to participate in the SFSP. Am I correct? Is this a change to the former SFSP process that I need to follow to utilize SFSP again this summer or is this an additional funding opportunity?

A12. The Feed Ohio grant is not a part of the SFSP application process. This grant provides funding for programmatic and infrastructure costs related to the establishment of new SFSP sites and/or expand existing sites. The grant does not cover food costs or other expenses related to the SFSP that are covered by the Ohio Department of Education or the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Additional information on the grant program is covered throughout the RFGA, particularly in Section 1.1 and Section II. Please also review Appendix A: Acceptable Infrastructure Costs for information on the types of expenses that are reimbursable through this grant opportunity.

December 18, 2009

Marilyn Henderson
City of Cleveland

- Q13.** During the 2009 program year we sponsored about 94 feeding sites. I know we would not be able to get funding for all of our sites, but as the sponsor what would be the maximum number of sites that would be eligible to apply? The City has sites at 20 of our Recreation Centers, would each center have to submit an application? If a few recreation centers applied can the funding be shared with the other centers?
- A13.** Only 2009 approved SFSP sponsors, in good standing with ODE, may apply for this funding opportunity. If the recreation centers fit the eligible organization criteria and the requirements of the RFGA, they may apply individually. Funding provided through this grant opportunity may only be used at the sites included in the application and for the purposes stated in the RFGA. Eligible organizations do not have a limit on the number of sites they can include in their proposals. Sites can be funded for a maximum of \$12,500.00 (amounts requested in excess of the \$12,500 per site cap must include a detailed justification in order to be considered). Individual site costs such as programmatic and equipment costs may not exceed the \$12,500.00 per site cap, and site funding can not be shared among sites. However, administrative costs (invoicing, reporting, etc.) for the entire program do not need to be divided per site.

Maria R. Broeckel
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Vineyard Community Center

- Q14.** I am referring to Section 1: 1:1 - Purpose - I would like clarification regarding the following statement: "Feed Ohio grantees selected through this RFGA process must begin providing services by June 2010 and maintain services for a minimum of six weeks". My question is regarding the minimum six weeks - is that for both the existing and the new site or is it total number of weeks for the program? We are looking at expanding our existing program while identifying a new site - however, with the new site, we are not sure the length of the program - so I would appreciate clarification on this point.
- A14.** All programs and sites included in the Feed Ohio proposal must operate for six weeks. The six weeks requirement is for each site – both new and existing.

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