

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act

Special Nutrition Programs (SNP)

Justification for Adding

Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) Grant for the Food

Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

List of Approved Programs Using Uniform Grant Application for

Non-Entitlement Discretionary Grants,

OMB Control Number 0584-0512

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection.

Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, PL 110-246 authorizes funds to provide grants on a competitive basis to Indian Tribal Organizations and State Agencies that administer FDPIR for the purpose of providing nutrition education services to FDPIR participants and FDPIR-eligible participants. To provide nutrition education, \$1 million was appropriated to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide grants related to USDA's

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is charged with implementing this competitive grants program and intends to solicit applications from Indian Tribal Organizations for nutrition education grants. In order to select the most appropriate grantees, a competitive request for applications is necessary. Eligible entities will prepare an application. FNS will post the Request for Application (RFA) package for FDPNE at http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/fdpi/fdpi_awards.htm on or about March 1, 2015 and at www.grants.gov.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used.

Except for a new collection, indicate how the agency has actually used the information received from the current collection.

The primary users of the information collected from the applicants are FNS and other Federal staff who will serve on a panel to systematically review, evaluate, and approve the grant and recommend the applicants most likely to meet program objectives and most responsive to the solicitation. The selection criteria are contained in the RFA package. This process will occur once per year.

The following grants.gov forms are required of grant applicants. They are located at http://www.grants.gov/agencies/aforms_repository_information.jsp: **Click Active Forms.**

- Non-Construction Grant Projects Forms: SF-424 Family
 1. Application and Instruction for Federal Assistance (SF424)

2. Budget Information and Instruction (SF-424A)
3. Assurance-Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B)
4. SF LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities)
5. Federal Financial Report (SF 425)

Obtain the required OMB form at the following website:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/grants/sfillin.pdf>.

In addition, the applicant must submit the following Departmental Forms:

In lieu of submitting AD-1047 and 1048, users will adhere to the Terms and Conditions to follow these regulations.

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

In compliance with E-Government Act 2002, FNS offers applicants the opportunity to receive and provide information electronically. Applicants may receive the RFA package by downloading the application from the FNS website or by downloading the RFA from the www.grants.gov website. All applicants will apply for this opportunity directly through www.grants.gov. There will be no exceptions. FNS will not accept emailed, faxed, or hand delivered applications.

FNS estimates that approximately 100% of the grant awardees will report financial data using the SF 425 electronically through FNS' Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS) at <https://fprs.fns.usda.gov/Home/Reminder.aspx>.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Question 2.

There is no similar data collection effort available. This program solicitation is unique. Every effort has been made to avoid duplication. FNS has reviewed USDA reporting requirements, state administrative agency reporting requirements, and special studies by other government and private agencies. FNS solely administers FDPNE. The information required for this grant program is not currently reported to State agencies on a regular basis in a standardized form.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of OMB Form 83-I), describe any methods used to minimize burden.

The information requested is held to the minimum amount required. FNS has determined that the requirements for this information collection do not adversely impact small businesses or other small entities since eligible applicants for this RFA is limited to Indian Tribal Organizations and State Agencies that have a direct agreement with FNS to administer FDPIR. FNS will allow grantees to partner with experts, organizations, or county and municipal governments in the project areas to fulfill program objectives. However, only current FDPIR allowance holders are eligible for this RFA.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted, or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

This is a one-time grant opportunity. FNS will seek minimal information that will be critical in selecting the most promising grantees. This includes information of applicant's existing infrastructure and security policies to perform program objectives. The consequence for not collecting the information is the inability to establish which proposal (s) meet the Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education Grant objectives and the inability to authorize funding as required by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:

- **requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;**
- **requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;**
- **requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;**
- **requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;**

- **in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;**
- **requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;**
- **that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or**
- **requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.**

There are no special circumstances. The collection of information is conducted in a manner consistent with the guidelines in 5 CFR 1320.5.

- 8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8 (d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden. Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or**

reported.

Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every 3 years even if the collection of information activity is the same as in prior years. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.

A 60-day notice was published in the Federal Register on July 27, 2012, (Volume 77, Number 145, page 44210-44212) soliciting comments on FNS's intent to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for a uniform grant application package for FNS discretionary grant programs that is a revision of the previously approved package. FNS received one public comment in response to the Federal Register notice regarding where online details on FNS grant recipients, grant purpose, accomplishments and period of performance were located. FNS prepared a written response to the commenting party. FNS staff often discuss the availability of the various grant opportunities and the grant application requirements with potential applicants at various national or regional meetings.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than re-enumeration of contractors or grantees.

There are no plans to provide cash payments or gifts to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

Provision of the application information requested is entirely voluntary. The collection of this information is for the purpose of aiding in the review of applications prior to grant award decisions and for management of grants. This information will be used within FNS and may be disclosed outside FNS as permitted by the Privacy Act under certain situations, including disclosures to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act. All activities associated with the agreement respect the existing policy with regard to privacy. FNS will work with the Grantee and ensure that any release of such information is done under the terms and conditions of the existing Freedom of Information Act that requires the Grantee to release permission and is informed of the use of the information.

Grantees who are awarded a grant under this RFA will be required to submit the SF-425 forms. All of the SF-425 forms are stored in a secured database. Therefore, grant awardees must obtain authorization to submit the form into FPRS. The applications for authorization contain personal identifying information on individuals doing business with the Food and Nutrition Service. Therefore, the Food and Nutrition Service published USDA e-Authentication Service (system of records) July 26, 2006 in the Federal Register Volume 71 page 42346 to specify the uses to be made of the information in this collection. Access to records is limited to those persons who process the records for the specific uses stated in this Privacy Act notice. Records are kept in physically secured rooms and/or cabinets. Paper records are segregated and physically

secured in located cabinets. Various methods of computer security limit access to records in automated databases.

- 11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior or attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.**

There are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this data collection.

- 12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated.**

A) Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens in Item 13 of OMB Form 83-I.

B) Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories.

FNS estimates that approximately thirty (30) respondents will submit an application for

the Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education Grant program. It is estimated that the average applicant will spend 60 hours developing their proposal. This is based on the general fact that applicants will have about six weeks to complete their proposals. ITOs/SAs may partner with other small entities to fulfill program objectives. However, only an entity that has a direct agreement with FNS to administer FDPIR is eligible to submit a final proposal for this RFA.

Respondents have a full range of discretion in how they design and develop their proposal. FNS has provided guidance in the RFA on required items and on the evaluation criteria for proposals. Pre-Award hourly estimates identified above are used as the basis for determining total annual cost burden to respondents of the application.

A.12.1 Estimate of Hours Burden on Respondents for Application

(Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Agencies. FNS anticipate that 30 State, Local and Tribal Agencies (SLT) will submit a proposal for this grant application. Out of the 30 SLT agencies, 20 SLT agencies will be awarded this grant opportunity from this RFA. The pre and post award burdens for reporting 2,210.95 burden hours (1800 pre + 395 post+ 15.95 recordkeeping) and 350 total annual responses (30 pre +140 post + 180 recordkeeping) accordingly are outline below:

Pre-Award Burden - Reporting

Affecte d Public	Type of Respondent	Estimated No. of Respondent s	Frequenc y of Response	Total Annual Response s	Estimated Time (Hours) to complete each Applicatio n	Total Estimate d Burden Hours
Indian Tribal organization/State Agencies	Indian Tribal Organization/Stat e Agencies	30	1	30	60	1800
Total Burden		30	1	30	60	1800

Pre-Award Burden Summary:

Number of Respondents: 30

Responses per respondent: 1

Total Annual Response: 30

Hours per Response: 60

Total Burden Hours: 1800

**A.12.2 Estimate of Hours Burden on Respondents for Application (Affected
Public: State and Local Agencies) Post-Awardees Burden Estimates**

Post-Awardees Burden Estimates

The post-award burden hours are based on the production of an annual progress report and quarterly financial reports that are submitted to FNS by the 20 grantees selected for the project. Financial reports submitted use the SF-425. Grant activities are for one year. For the purposes of this estimate, the grantee will submit one (1) annual progress report and five (5) financial reports each year. In addition, grantee will submit one (1) final written report.

The progress and final written reports will ask for a description of the activities that took place during the previous period and report any deviations and difficulties. The financial reports will be the SF-425, which is the short form for reporting the financial status for the previous period, with the last SF-425 serving as the final financial status report. These reports are routine in nature and only request necessary information to monitor the progress and funds spent during the period of performance of the grant.

For the purpose of this burden estimate, FNS assumes that awardees will spend two (2) hours in preparing reports and .25 hours per instance in recordkeeping burden to maintain the documents necessary to support the reports. FNS estimates that up to twenty (20) grants will receive awards under this RFA. The total estimated burden is reflected in the following table:

Post- Award Burden - Reporting

	Number Respondents	Number Annual Response	Total Annual Response	Hours per Response	Total Annual Burden
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Instrument					
Progress Report (1) Report	20	1	20	2.25	45
Final Written Report (1)	20	1	20	10	200
SF-425 Financial Report	20	4	80	1.5	120
SF-425 Final Financial Report	20	1	20	1.5	30
Total	20	-	140	-	395

Post Award Burden Summary

Number of Respondents: 20

Responses per respondent: 7

Total Annual Response: 140

Hours per Response: 2.82142

Total Burden Hours: 395

A.12.3 Post-Awardees Reporting:

There is a additional burden estimates for the Non-Construction Grant Projects Forms: SF-424 Family that agencies must identify. We estimate that FNS will use approximately 4.90 reporting burden for all instruments x 20 respondents = 98 burden hours reporting burden hours for these forms which are not included into the total burden estimates for this collection: Application and Instruction for Federal Assistance (SF424), Budget Information and Instruction (SF-424A), Assurance-Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B), SF LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities).

A.12.4 Post-Awardees Recordkeeping Burden Estimates Estimate of Hours Burden on Respondents for Application (Affected Public: Academic or Research Institutions)

AFFECTED PUBLIC	(b) Form Number or activity	(c) No. Recordkeepers	(d) No. Records Per Respondent	(e) Est. Total Annual Records (cx)	(f) Hours Per Recordkeeper	(g) Total Burden (ex)
State Agencies	RECORDKEEPING					
	SF-425 Final Report	20	1	20	0.05	1.00
	SF 424A	20	1	20	0.05	1.00
	SF-424	20	1	20	0.05	1.00
	SF-424 B	20	1	20	0.07	1.40
	SF-LLL	20	1	20	0.11	2.20
	SF-425 Financial Reporting	20	4	80	0.1169	9.352
Post Award Recordkeeping Total Burden Estimates		20	-	180	-	15.95

Post Award Recordkeeping Burden Summary:

Number of Respondents: 20

Responses per respondent: 9

Total Annual Response: 180

Hours per Response: 0.0886111

Total Burden Hours: 15.95

A.12.5 Estimates of Annualized Cost to Respondents for Application

Affected Public	Type of Respondent	Number of Respondents	Frequency per Respondents	Total Annual Response	Average Time per Response (hours)	Total Annual Burden hours	Hourly Wage Rate	Total Respondent Cost
Indian Tribal Organizations and State Agencies	Pre-Award ITO and SA	30	1	30	60	1,800	\$31.61	\$56,898.00
	Post Award Reporting	20	7	140	2.8	395	\$31.61	\$12,485.00
	Post Award Recordkeeping	20	9	180	0.0934375	15.95	\$31.61	\$504.18
Total Respondents Cost		30		350		2,210.95	\$31.61	\$69,887.18

The total annual cost to respondents for this collection is \$69,887.18. FNS estimates that most respondents will utilize at least one full time member at a cost of \$31.61 per hour. The range for this estimate may vary significantly but FNS believes the cost-per-hour estimate is the most practicable and represents the national rate for Social and Community Service Managers-Occupation Code

11-9151 (according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Wages May 2013).

The total Pre-award costs were determined by adding the total number of applicants times the total number of hours times the total hourly costs or as follows:

$$30 \text{ (number of applicants)} \times 60 \text{ hours} \times \$31.61 = \$56,898.00$$

Pre-award costs are one-time only costs. Wage rates were determined using <http://www.bls.gov/bls/wages.htm> website.

Total Post-award costs for routine reporting are 395 hours x \$31.61 = \$12,485.00. This amount is based on awarding up to twenty (20) grants.

Post award costs are annual costs for the duration of the project. Total Post-award cost for maintaining these records for 20 (number of awardees or recordkeepers) 15.95 hours x \$ 31.61 = \$504.18.

- 13. Provide estimates of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record keepers resulting from the collection of information (do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in questions 12 and 14). The cost estimates should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component annualized over its expected useful life, and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component.**

There are no capital/start-up or ongoing operation/maintenance costs associated with this

information collection.

- 14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Provide a description of the method used to estimate cost and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.**

Costs are estimated as follows:

- (1) The annualized costs for awarding this grant program are expected to total **\$63,479.00** based on the assumption that thirty (30) proposals will be submitted and up to twenty (20) grants will be awarded.
- (2) FNS staffing costs, which are identified below.

The estimated cost to process and review applications is \$29,529.00. This is based on an estimate of a total of 20 hours of labor to process and review *each* application package.

The estimate assumes an hourly cost per staff person of \$49.32 per hour (the average salary for GS-13 grade level including overhead and benefits). This labor estimate includes 2 hours by grants management and program staff to process an application, 15 hours total by 3 Federal employees to conduct a thorough technical review of each application, and 3 hours by the grants and program officers to document the technical reviews and prepare the recommendations for award. It is estimated that 30 applications will be received, and it is anticipated that 600 hours will be needed to process and review

these applications. Federal labor costs will total \$34,524.00 for the anticipated 20 proposals that will receive awards. (25 hours +10 hours= 35 hours X 20 grantees X \$49.32 per hour = \$34,18524.00). This is based on approximately 25 hours spent providing technical assistance and 10 hours reviewing the 7 program and financial reports for each grantee, for a total of 700 hours. Costs other than salary costs are negligible. Wage rates were determined based on the Office of Personnel Management salary table for FY 2015, for a GS 13, Step 5 employee.

Total Hours	1300 Hours
Total Annualized Pre-Award Cost to the Government	\$29,529.00
Total Annualized Post Award Cost to the Government	\$34,524.00
Total Annualized Cost to the Federal Government	\$ 64,053.00

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-1.

There are no changes in the information collection since the last OMB approval.

16. For collections of information whose results are planned to be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication.

FNS will publicize summary information of the applicant that receives grant funding at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/>

17. If seeking approval not to display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that this display would be inappropriate.

The agency plans to display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection on all instruments.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I" Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act".

There are no exceptions to the certification statement.