

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

This form is mandatory. Thoroughly review the applicable Request for Applications (RFA) ([FMPP RFA](#) or [LFPP RFA](#)) before completing this form. This narrative form provides the basis for peer review evaluation using the scoring criteria in Section 5.0 of the respective grant program RFA.

1. Applicant Organization *Must match box 8 of the SF-424.*

Name		Mailing Address
Email		
Phone		
Fax		

2. Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) *This person will be the main contact for any FMLFPP correspondence and is responsible for signing any documentation should the grant be selected.*

Name		Mailing Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if same as above
Email			
Phone			
Fax			

3. Applicant Entity Type *Select each applicable entity type as defined in Section 3.1 of the RFA. If your organization is a State Agency Regional Farmers Market Authority, you must provide the regulatory statute(s) that identify your agency as that entity type.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> Public benefit corporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> CSA network |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local government | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development corporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) association | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional farmers market authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal government | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural business entity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Producer network | <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency Regional Farmers Market Authority (indicate regulation below): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Producer association | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below): |
| | _____ |

4. Project Activity Category *Identify any/all of the activity categories that fit your project.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggregation | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agritourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm to Institution | <input type="checkbox"/> Season Extension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmer Recruitment and Retention | <input type="checkbox"/> Training and Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Promotion | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Production Diversification /Expansion | |

5. Project Title Must match box 15 of the SF-424.	
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6. Grant Application Type (Described in Section 1.3 of the RFA):	
FMPP: <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development Training and Technical Assistance	LFPP: <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation

7. Requested FMLFPP Funds Insert the total amount (\$) of Federal funds requested. This must match the total amount requested on Line 5 of the SF-424A.	\$
8. Matching Funds (if applicable) This box applies ONLY for LFPP applications, which are required to provide a 25% match. See Section 3.5 of LFPP's RFA for more information.	\$
9. Does the proposal address a Priority Area as described in Section 1.4 of the RFA? See instructions on how to determine priority eligibility at Qualifying for Priority Consideration at the end of this form.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. If you are working directly with a Promise Zone partner, identify the Promise Zone? See Section 4.3.9 of the RFA. If the proposal involves a Promise Zone Implementation Partner , the HUD Promise Zone Certification Form must accompany the proposal at the time of application.	

11. Project Implementation Physical Address Enter up to three addresses where this project will be implemented. If you are requesting consideration as a priority area, enter the Food Access Research Atlas Low Income/Low Access (LI/LA) Census Tract number. See [Qualifying for Priority Consideration](#) at the end of this form for instructions on looking up your Census Tract number.

	Address	Food Access Research Atlas LI/LA Census Tract # (if applicable)
Address 1:		
Address 2:		
Address 3:		

12. Executive Summary—In 200 words or less, describe the project's need, purpose, goals, and expected outcomes:

13. Have you received a past FMPP or LFPP grant award? Yes No
 a. If yes, provide the information below.

Year:	Type of Grant: FMPP Grant LFPP Planning Grant LFPP Implementation Grant	Describe How this Project is/was Different From or Supplements the Proposed Activities

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14. Have you submitted this project to another Federal grant program for funding and/or is another Federal grant program currently funding the project? Yes No

If yes, fill out the below section.

Federal Grant Program Name(s)	Describe How this Project is/was Different From or Supplements the Proposed Activities

15. Alignment and Intent

- a. Describe the specific issue, problem, or need that the project will address, in relation to the statutory language (found in the RFA in Section 1). Answering this question should justify the project’s objectives and approach and not just provide the associated statistics.
- b. List project objectives for the completion of this project. The objectives must be related to addressing the issue(s), problem(s), or need(s) mentioned in the above section and related to the project’s approach and work plan. Add objectives as necessary.
 - Objective 1:
 - Objective 2:
 - Objective 3:
 - Objective 4:
 - Objective 5:
- c. Who are the intended beneficiaries of this project and how many are there? Specifically, the project should benefit farm and ranch operations serving local markets.
- d. What are the expected short- and long-term impacts to the beneficiaries of this project? Specifically, the project should focus on the benefits to farm and ranch operations serving local markets.

16. Technical Merit

- a. **Work Plan:** Describe the activities and timeline associated with each project objective. Include the following information for each objective mentioned in the Project Background:
A timeline for each activity and major output including the anticipated date of completion; Expected outcomes for each year of the project; Activities to be completed the project partners and collaborators; How and where the activities will take place; Required resources; Milestone(s) for assessing progress and success; Who is responsible for completing the activity, including collaborative arrangements or subcontractors; If conducting training and technical assistance, how will participants be recruited? How will you help guide program development and delivery?

- b. Outcome Indicators: Complete all Outcomes and Indicators that are relevant to the project with benchmark and/or target numbers. If you cannot provide the information, explain the reasoning (e.g. “Does not apply because...”). The exception is Outcome 4, which should only be completed for projects that have a food safety component). These outcomes and indicators are the same for both LFPP and FMPP because they are two components of FMLFPP. Applicants may provide additional Outcome(s) and Indicator(s) should they choose.
- Outcome 1: To Increase Consumption of and Access to Locally and Regionally Produced Agricultural Products.
 1. Of the [insert total number of] consumers, farm and ranch operations, or wholesale buyers reached:
 - a. The number that gained knowledge on how to buy or sell local/regional food OR aggregate, store, produce, and/or distribute local/regional food: _____
 - b. The number that reported an intention to buy or sell local/regional food OR aggregate, store, produce, and/or distribute local/regional food: _____
 - c. The number that reported buying, selling, consuming more or supporting the consumption of local/regional food that they aggregate, store, produce, and/or distribute: _____
 - Of the [insert total number of] individuals (culinary professionals, institutional kitchens, entrepreneurs such as kitchen incubators/shared-use kitchens, etc.) reached:
 1. The number that gained knowledge on how to access, produce, prepare, and/or preserve locally and regionally produced agricultural products: _____
 2. The number that reported an intention to access, produce, prepare, and/or preserve locally and regionally produced agricultural products: _____
 3. The number that reported supplementing their diets with locally and regionally produced agricultural products that they produced, prepared, preserved, and/or obtained: _____
 - Outcome 2: Increase Customers and sales of local and regional agricultural products.
 1. Sales increased from \$ _____ to \$ _____ and by _____ percent ($\frac{n \text{ final} - n \text{ initial}}{n \text{ initial}} (100) = \% \text{ change}$), as result of marketing and/or promotion activities during the project performance period.
 2. Customer counts increased from [total number of] to [total number of] customers and by _____ percent ($\frac{n \text{ final} - n \text{ initial}}{n \text{ initial}} (100) = \% \text{ change}$) during the project performance period.
 - Outcome 3: Develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets.
 1. Number of new and/or existing delivery systems/access points of those reached that expanded and/or improved offerings of:
 - a. Farmers markets: _____
 - b. Roadside stands: _____
 - c. Community supported agriculture programs: _____
 - d. Agritourism activities: _____
 - e. Other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities: _____
 - f. Local and regional Food Business Enterprises that process, aggregate, distribute, or store locally and regionally produced agricultural products: _____

2. Number of local and regional farmers and ranchers, processors, aggregators, and/or distributors that reported:

- a. An increase in revenue expressed in dollars: _____
- b. A gained knowledge about new market opportunities through technical assistance and education programs: _____

3. Number of:

- a. New rural/urban careers created (Difference between "jobs" and "careers": jobs are net gain of paid employment; new businesses created or adopted can indicate new careers): _____
- b. Jobs maintained/created: _____
- c. New beginning farmers who went into local/regional food production: _____
- d. Socially disadvantaged famers who went into local/regional food production: _____
- e. Business plans developed: _____

- Outcome 4: Improve the food safety of locally and regionally produced agricultural products. (Only applicable to projects focused on food safety!)
 1. Number of individuals who learned about prevention, detection, control, and intervention food safety practices: _____
 2. Number of those individuals who reported increasing their food safety skills and knowledge: _____
 3. Number of growers or producers who obtained on-farm food safety certifications (such as Good Agricultural Practices or Good Handling Practices): _____
- Additional Outcome(s) and Indicator(s) (REQUIRED: Identify based on relevant project activities not covered above):
Indicator(s):

c. Describe how you will disseminate project's results (positive and negative) to similar organizations, stakeholders, and others that may be interested in the project's results or implementing a similar project.

17. Achievability

- a. Describe your evaluation plan for measuring and achieving each relevant outcome and indicator, including the project-specific outcome and indicator.
- b. Discuss if and how this project can be adapted to other regions, communities, and/or agricultural systems.
- c. What are the potential challenges that may be encountered that would limit your ability to fulfill the objectives of this project and your strategy to address these challenges?
- d. If the project and/or entity was previously funded, provides a depiction of the previous project's results that includes what was learned from the past project(s), what can be

improved upon, and how those lessons and improvements are being incorporated into this application to make the ongoing project more effective and successful at meeting program goals.

18. Expertise and Partners

- a. List project contributors, including applicant staff and external project partners and collaborators, and describe their relevant experience and past successes in developing and operating projects similar to those to be conducted under this project.

Project Contributor	Relevant Experience

- b. Describe the key role of all project contributors and your plans for coordination, communication, data sharing and reporting among members of the project team and stakeholder groups, both internal applicant personnel **and** external partners and collaborators.

- c. Describe how the project, and its partnerships and collaborations, will be sustained beyond the project's period of performance (grant funds).

19. Fiscal Plan and Resources

Please complete the budget justification below and ensure that you have included Critical Resources and Infrastructure letters to support the information.

Budget Justification *The expenses outlined in the Budget Justification must align with the activities provided in the Project's Timeline and need to fulfill the Project's Objectives and Expected Outcomes. The subtotal amounts for each cost category mentioned below must also match the amounts provided in each cost category in the SF-424A. Refer to Section 4.7.3 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities of the RFA for more information on allowable and unallowable expenses. Applications submitted for consideration under LFPP must include the matching contribution in this section*

a. **Personnel** List each person who has a substantive role in the project and the amount of the request and/ or the value of their match.

Personnel #	Name/Title and How the Individual's Role Relates to the Objectives as Described under 15b Above	Level of Effort (# of hours OR % FTE)	Funds Requested
Personnel 1			
Personnel 2			
Personnel 3			
Personnel Subtotals			\$

b. **Fringe Benefits** *Provide the fringe benefit rates for each of the project's salaried employees above.*

Personnel #	Name/Title	Fringe Benefit Rate	Funds Requested
Personnel 1			
Personnel 2			
Personnel 3			
Fringe Benefits Subtotals			\$

- c. **Travel** Explain the purpose for each Trip Request. Please note that travel costs are limited to those allowed by formal organizational policy; in the case of air travel, project participants must use the lowest reasonable commercial airfares. For recipient organizations that have no formal travel policy and for-profit recipients, allowable travel costs may not exceed those established by the Federal Travel Regulation, issued by GSA, including the maximum per diem and subsistence rates prescribed in those regulations. This information is available at <http://www.gsa.gov>.

Trip #	Trip Destination and Travel Date(s)	Trip Purpose and How Travel Relates to Objectives Described Under 15b Above	Type of Expense (airfare, car rental, hotel, meals, mileage, etc.)	Unit of Measure (days, nights, miles)	# of Units	Cost per Unit	# of Travelers Claiming the Expense	Funds Requested
1								
2								
3								
Travel Subtotals								\$

By checking this box, I affirm that my organization's established travel policies will be adhered to when completing the above-mentioned trips in accordance with [2 CFR 200.474](#) or [48 CFR subpart 31.2](#) as applicable.

- d. **Equipment** Describe any special purpose equipment to be purchased or rented under the grant. "Special purpose equipment" is tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost that equals or exceeds \$5,000 per unit and is used only for research, medical, scientific, or other technical activities. Rental of "general purpose equipment" must also be described in this section. Purchase of general purpose equipment is not allowable under this grant.

Item #	Item Description, How Equipment will be Used to Meet Objectives Described Under 15b Above	Rental or Purchase	Acquire When?	Funds Requested
1				

2				
3				
Equipment Subtotals				\$

e. **Supplies** List the materials, supplies, and fabricated parts costing less than \$5,000 per unit and describe how they will support the purpose and goal of the proposal.

Item Description	Per-Unit Cost	# of Units/Pieces Purchased	Acquire When?	Funds Requested
Supplies Subtotal				\$

f. **Contractual** Contractual/consultant costs are expenses associated with purchasing goods and/or procuring services performed by an individual or organization other than the applicant in the form of a procurement relationship. If there is more than one contractor or consultant, each must be described separately. (List each contract/consultant separately.)

Contract #	Name/Organization, Justification for Contract, and How Work Relates to Objectives Described Under 15b Above	Hourly Rate / Flat Rate	Funds Requested
Contract 1			
Contract 2			

Contract 3			
Contractual Subtotal			\$

By checking this box, I affirm that my organization followed the same policies and procedures used for procurements from non-federal sources, which reflect applicable State and local laws and regulations and conform to the Federal laws and standards identified in [2 CFR Part 200.317 through.326](#), as applicable. If the contractor(s)/consultant(s) are not already selected, I affirm that my organization will follow the same requirements.

g. **Other** *Include any expenses not covered in any of the previous budget categories. Be sure to break down costs into cost/unit. Expenses in this section include, but are not limited to, meetings and conferences, communications, rental expenses, advertisements, publication costs, and data collection.*

Item Description and How Expense Relates to Objectives Described Under 15b Above	Per-Unit Cost	# of Units/Pieces Purchased	Acquire When?	Funds Requested
Other Subtotal				\$

h. **Indirect** *Indirect costs* (also known as “facilities and administrative costs”—defined at [2 CFR §200.56](#)) represent the expenses of doing business that are not readily identified with a particular grant, contract, project function or activity, but are necessary for the general operation of the organization and the conduct of activities it performs. For the indirect cost formula and additional information, refer to Section 4.7.1 of the RFA.

Indirect Cost Rate Requested (%)	Funds Requested	Matching Funds <i>LFPP only</i>
	\$	\$

- i. **Program Income** *Program income is gross income—earned by a recipient or subrecipient under a grant—directly generated by the grant-supported activity, or earned only because of the grant agreement during the grant period of performance. Program income includes, but is not limited to, income from fees for services performed; the sale of commodities or items fabricated under an award (this includes items sold at cost if the cost of producing the item was funded in whole or partially with grant funds); registration fees for conferences, etc.*

Source/Nature of Program Income	Description of how you will reinvest the program income	Funds Expected
Program Income Total		

QUALIFYING FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

ERS FOOD ACCESS RESEARCH ATLAS (ATLAS)

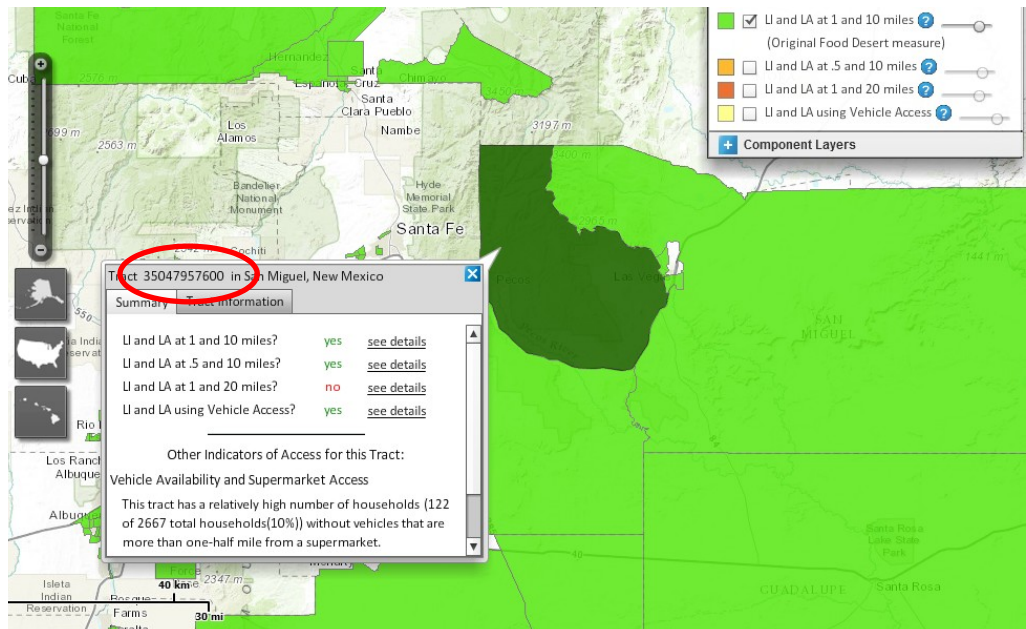
<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas.aspx>

Once you enter the Atlas, check one of the four the map layer(s) that applies to the proposal's targeted community.



Zoom in on the map to identify your community. Clicking on your targeted area will produce the census tract and additional information about the locale.

In the example below, the dark green area qualifies as low income and low access, and the census tract would be 35047957600.



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- 2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- 3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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