



REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
SECRETARY OF STATE
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Requestor Information

Department name: North Dakota Department of Agriculture
 Department number: 602
 Name of contact person: Lynette Baumiller
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
60260 - Grants	\$420,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Federal
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No
 Will continued funding be required if Federal funds are no longer available? No
 Does the request require a general fund match in this biennium? No
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No
 Is the request for a new program? Yes

Provide explanation:

We have been awarded \$420,000 for a Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant that will enhance the food and agriculture supply chain resiliency in ND. Funds to purchase food from local, regional, and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers for distribution targeting underserved communities. The goal is to add over 30 new underserved communities to the Great Plains Food Bank (GPFB) Mobile Food Pantry program, reaching over 100,000 food insecure North Dakotans.

Will funding be required in future bienniums? No
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes

Provide explanation:

This grant ties in with the NDDA local foods program and Hunger Free Garden initiative. NDDA administered the North Dakota Charitable Food Organization grant as part of federal CARES Act funding in 2020. The grant provided charitable food organizations with the proper storage equipment to store perishable items such as fruits and vegetables, meat and dairy. This LFPA grant will allow North Dakota food pantries the opportunity to stock those refrigeration and freezer units with locally sourced, fresh produce, inspected meat products and minimally processed foods from North Dakota producers/plants.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
 NDCC 4.1-01



Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

The purpose of this program is to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency. The program achieves this purpose in the overarching goals below: 1. Provide an opportunity for States and Tribal Governments to strengthen their local and regional food system. 2. Help to support local and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers through building and expanding economic opportunities. 3. Establish and broaden partnerships with farmers/producers and the food distribution community, and local food networks, including non-profits to ensure distribution of fresh and nutritious foods in rural, remote, or underserved communities.

Provide any other relevant information:

This grant will target purchases from socially disadvantaged farmers/producers, and distribute the food to underserved communities. The Department will work with Great Plains Food Bank as a sub-grantee/partner organization for the procurement of food from local producers and socially disadvantaged farmers and distribution of food to under-served areas of the state, namely rural, remote communities and our Native American reservations.

Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Lynette Baumiller

Sign Here

09/07/2022

Date