



Food and Nutrition Service

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To: Regional Directors, Child Nutrition Programs, All Regions
State Directors, Child Nutrition Programs, All States

The [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program \(FFVP\)](#), authorized in Section 19 of the [Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act \(NSLA\)](#), 42 USC 1769a, is a nationwide program that operates in select elementary schools in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The program supports Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins' vision for nutrition assistance programs to encourage healthy choices, healthy outcomes, and healthy families.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide funding allocation amounts for all State agencies for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, information on funding requirements and deadlines, and reminders of important program requirements.

Allocation of Funds to State Agencies

For FY 2026, the total funding amount available to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to distribute to State agencies is \$242.6 million, which includes new funds (\$205 million) available under Section 19 of the NSLA and carryover funds (\$38.1 million) from previous years. In FY 2025, the total amount of funding available was \$231.5 million, which included \$195 million in new funding and \$36.5 million in carryover funds.

Per Section 19 of the NSLA, for FY 2026, FNS will apply the following allocation formula for FFVP funding:

- 1) All 50 States and the District of Columbia will receive an annual grant equal to one percent of the funds made available; and
- 2) Remaining funds will be allocated to all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, based on the proportion of their respective population to the overall U.S. population.

Please refer to the Attachment for the FFVP funding allocations being made available to each State.¹

Funds for State Administrative Costs

Section 19 permits State agencies to retain a portion of their total FFVP grant allocation for State administrative costs. The amount of funds that may be retained for State administrative costs is the lesser of: (1) five percent of the State agency's total grant for the year; or (2) the amount required to pay the costs of one full-time coordinator for the FFVP. Each State agency should identify the appropriate level and resulting salary for an FFVP coordinator within the State agency's personnel structure. As a reminder, this provision serves to assist State agencies in determining the FFVP administrative funds they can retain from their total grant but does not require State agencies to employ a coordinator for the FFVP.

The amount retained for State administrative costs must be determined in advance, since State agencies must subtract funds used for State administrative costs prior to making school selections and determining school allocations. FFVP State administrative funds are subject to

¹ Per Section 19 of the NSLA, FNS has retained \$500,000 for administrative costs of carrying out FFVP.¹

the same cost accountability and management principles applied to State Administrative Expense (SAE) funds in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

General Program Reminders

- The statutory requirements for school selection are prescriptive and require that schools with the highest level of free and reduced-price enrollment receive priority. For more detailed information regarding school selection, outreach to high-need schools, and the application process, please refer to FNS memorandum [SP 10-2010: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program \(FFVP\) Targeted School Selection and Outreach Process](#) (December 1, 2009), and the manual, [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: A Handbook for Schools](#).
- As stated in Section 19 of the NSLA, only elementary schools are eligible to participate in the FFVP. Secondary schools are not allowed to participate.
- Total enrollment of all schools selected by the State agency must result in a per-student allocation of \$50 to \$75 per year.
- Generally, each elementary school chosen to participate in the Program must be a school in which not less than 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. However, per Section 19 (d)(2) of the NSLA, States may select additional elementary schools if there is not a sufficient number of schools that meet this criterion. States are encouraged to notify their school districts of this to encourage full participation and maximize use of available funds.
- The application process must be conducted annually. However, returning schools do not have to submit a new application each year; instead, they are permitted to update their application on file, at the discretion of the State agency.

- All elementary schools should begin operating the FFVP at the start of the new school year. Therefore, to the extent practicable, State agencies are strongly encouraged to select their schools as soon as possible.
- Financial reporting for the FFVP will be conducted via the [Food Programs Reporting System \(FPRS\)](#). State agencies must submit the Federal Financial Report [SF-425](#) electronically for four quarters and submit a final report.² Instructions for reporting on the SF-425 can be found at the “Help” option at the FPRS main menu under “OMB Forms and Forms Instructions.”

The following table provides some key FFVP dates:

Key Dates to Remember

June 30, 2025	State agencies select SY 2025 - 2026 FFVP Eligible Schools
October 1, 2025	State agencies receive total annual funding
September 30, 2026	State agencies and schools must obligate all allocated October FY 2026 funds by this date
December 31, 2026	Closeout of FY 2026 funds; State agencies submit final SF-425 Federal Financial Report, via FPRS

State agencies with questions regarding FFVP should contact their respective FNS regional offices.

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² The burden associated with this requirement is captured under OMB #0584-0594 Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS) – 09/30/2026.

Attachment: FY 2026 FFVP State Allocation

ATTACHMENT

FFVP Allocations by State for Fiscal Year 2026

State	Funding Amount, based on \$242.6 million available
Alabama	\$4,211,551
Alaska	\$2,682,770
Arizona	\$5,050,658
Arkansas	\$3,495,416
California	\$16,072,551
Colorado	\$4,488,334
Connecticut	\$3,698,459
Delaware	\$2,790,669
District of Columbia	\$2,669,660
Florida	\$10,515,021
Georgia	\$6,295,984
Hawaii	\$2,927,099
Idaho	\$3,119,331
Illinois	\$6,825,219
Indiana	\$4,822,907
Iowa	\$3,548,411
Kansas	\$3,454,667
Kentucky	\$4,014,525
Louisiana	\$4,017,767
Maine	\$2,912,864
Maryland	\$4,594,137
Massachusetts	\$4,896,238
Michigan	\$5,935,927
Minnesota	\$4,431,461
Mississippi	\$3,445,129
Missouri	\$4,587,993
Montana	\$2,820,194
Nebraska	\$3,120,662
Nevada	\$3,557,401
New Hampshire	\$2,914,255
New Jersey	\$5,714,579

State	Funding Amount, based on \$242.6 million available
New Mexico	\$3,163,848
New York	\$9,302,063
North Carolina	\$6,249,315
North Dakota	\$2,702,301
Ohio	\$6,539,071
Oklahoma	\$3,843,920
Oregon	\$3,905,167
Pennsylvania	\$6,952,778
Rhode Island	\$2,811,569
South Carolina	\$4,322,685
South Dakota	\$2,746,633
Tennessee	\$4,927,930
Texas	\$13,255,405
Utah	\$3,639,124
Vermont	\$2,651,057
Virginia	\$5,475,911
Washington	\$5,180,709
West Virginia	\$3,039,168
Wisconsin	\$4,489,539
Wyoming	\$2,629,990
Puerto Rico	\$1,108,560
Guam	\$58,670
Virgin Islands	\$36,122
TOTAL	\$242,663,374