

**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health**

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RFA Questions and Answers

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Questions and Answers *(list all questions and answers in numerical order)*

1.Question:

I am currently on the CACFP through DHHS NC Nutrition. Will that make a difference in me applying for the funds.

Answer:

This RFA is open to organizations and agencies that can implement, at a minimum, both Strategy 1 and Strategy 2 listed above. Funding is open to North Carolina-based private (non-profit or for profit), and public organizations; and local governmental agencies. Please reference page 6 of the RFA announcement for eligibility requirements.

2.Question:

If we have one Garden Coordinator in a county, could they be shared between 3-4 different childcare centers?

Answer:

The required Garden Coordinator(s) could be shared between centers.

3.Question:

We are hoping to run a collaborative with multiple counties each year of this grant. Do you need to know which counties now for each year?

Answer:

Year 1 counties must be identified and included in your application. Counties for Year 2 could be identified later.

4. Question:

Does the Garden Coordinator need to be employed all year? Or could it just be April to October for example.

Answer:

The Garden Coordinator must be employed all year.

5. Question:

Can these grant funds be used to give a stipend to an experienced childcare center director/teacher who is already successfully gardening, including the garden in the curriculum, and including the garden in meals?

Answer:

Stipends are not permitted. Staff salaries and fringe benefits are permitted. Sites could include those currently implementing successful gardens if the center can implement all required activities for both Farm to ECE and Breastfeeding Friendly strategies. Sites with existing Farm to ECE programs can expand upon their offerings.

6. Question:

Can these grant funds be used in part to reinvigorate gardens if a center has raised beds, but they are not being used and the current staff does not have training/knowledge/supplies to use the garden in this way?

Answer:

Funds can be used to reinvigorate gardens.

7. Question:

Can salaries be included for CDC HOP funded staff?

Answer:

A CDC HOP funded staff's time could be included in the budget narrative if that portion of the salary is not covered by other funding once this work begins. Salaries should include the percentage of time spent on this project or number of hours.