

RFA # 0346
SFS # AGM-CG25
2025 SNAP-Ed Community Growers Grant Program
Questions and Answers

Question	Grouping	Answer
<p>I am having trouble finding the RFA for the grant referenced in the subject line. The link to questions and answers does not seem to be working either. It keeps showing that the address is incorrect.</p> <p>We are interested in seeing the RFA to determine if this would fit with our Community Center's garden. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.</p>	Access to Grant	<p>The RFA can be downloaded from https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfa-0346-snap-ed-community-growers-grant-program.</p> <p>This question and answer document has been posted as of 11/25/24.</p>
<p>Last year we became prequalified and were set up in the old system. We set up the new system through SFS and see the grant opportunity under "View Events and Place Bids".</p> <p>However, we don't see a way to view the application or apply. What are we missing to be able to apply?</p>	Access to Grant	<p>For technical assistance, please reach out to the SFS Help Desk at helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov or (855) 233-8363.</p>
<p>I'm interested in my own garden preferable in Port Chester, New York or in Westchester County. Does this grant apply to me?</p>	Eligibility	<p>Individuals are ineligible to apply for funding.</p> <p><i>Please refer to RFA, Section I Program Overview, d. Ineligible Applicants; individuals are ineligible for this award.</i></p>
<p>Are school districts eligible applicants? Are they considered local or municipal governments?</p> <p>With regard to priority site designation, are schools that qualify for free and reduced lunch for all students (100%) under the CEP considered 50%+ free or reduced?</p> <p>Looking at the Feeding America data, eligible communities would have 50%+ below the SNAP threshold, correct?</p>	Eligibility	<p>Yes, school districts are considered local or municipal government.</p> <p><i>Please refer to RFA Section I Program Overview, f. Eligible Projects; using Feeding America Data, eligible communities would be 50%+ below the SNAP threshold.</i></p>
<p>Paragraph 2, under Program Overview (page 3, item 1.a): "Community-led growing spaces are collaborative projects on shared open spaces that produce nutritious and affordable fresh fruits and vegetables for local community consumption."</p> <p>I am curious whether the our organization qualifies. We are a non-profit that engages youth from across our underserved community to work on the Farm and in related capacities (Farm Stand sales for example). If we are eligible, we will certainly apply.</p>	Eligibility	<p>Non-profit entities are eligible to apply.</p> <p><i>Please refer to RFA Section I Program Overview, c. Eligible Applicants; Please craft your project to meet the requirements of Section I, f. Eligible Projects.</i></p>
<p>We were wondering if we would be eligible to apply to the new SNAP-ED Community Growers Grant, or if we would be ineligible on account of having recently received one.</p>	Eligibility	<p>Current and past grantees are still considered eligible. Projects and expenses should be kept mutually exclusive.</p>

<p>We were awarded a \$50,000 SNAP-Ed Community Growers Grant earlier this year, with an original spending deadline of 9/15/24. However, due to a delay in processing, we have not yet received the funds and have been granted a spending extension until 7/27/25.</p> <p>Given that this is a new funding period, are we eligible to apply for a renewed SNAP-Ed Community Growers Grant now, or do we need to wait until our current extended grant contract concludes next year?</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Current and past grantees are still considered eligible. Projects and expenses should be kept mutually exclusive.</p>
<p>I have a quick question about the eligibility criteria for this grant. Given that Suffolk County is 53% above the SNAP threshold, does this render any organization within the county ineligible to apply?</p> <p>If organizations in Suffolk County are ineligible, would a non-profit organization that provides psychotherapy, assisted learning, and job readiness training for community members with disabilities and former military personnel still qualify? Additionally, the program we are involved with includes an on-site farm/CSA.</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Please refer to RFA, <i>Section I Program Overview, f. Eligible Projects, 2-a.</i>; Locations where at least 50% of the population is SNAP-eligible. If you are in a region that does not meet the 50%, please make the case and illustrate how your program will serve low-income and SNAP-eligible individuals and households.</p>
<p>In the RFA released for the 2025 SNAP-Ed Food Box Grant Program it states that SNAP-Ed Community Growers Technical Assistance Awardees are ineligible to apply for the Food Box Grant.</p> <p>Is the Community Growers Technical Assistance RFA 0346 (2025 SNAP-Ed Community Growers Grant Program) or is the Technical Assistance a difference funding?</p> <p>We are interested in both the Community Growers funding and the Food Box program but are unsure if we are able to apply for both.</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Community Growers Technical Assistance Awards are separate from the Community Growers and Food Box RFA's. Cornell University is the 2025 Community Growers Technical Assistance awardee.</p>
<p>If we still have this SNAP grant open, are we eligible to apply for other funding opportunities on the SNAP website?</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Current and past grantees are still considered eligible. Projects and expenses should be kept mutually exclusive.</p>
<p>Our organization is an awardee of the 2023 SNAP-Ed Community Growers Grant Program and we are looking at the current SNAP-Ed 2025 RFA 0346 to submit an application.</p> <p>We note in the RFA that SNAP-Ed Community Growers TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE awardees are ineligible.</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Community Growers Technical Assistance Awards are separate from the Community Growers and Food Box RFA's. Cornell University is the 2025 Community Growers Technical Assistance awardee.</p>

<p>I think you mentioned that any agency or program already receiving funds from the OTDA would not be eligible for this grant opportunity?</p> <p>We currently receive funding from the OTDA for salaries for our staff. If I understood you correctly, we would be ineligible to apply.</p> <p>Can you clarify a bit more on this point?</p> <p>Also, I checked your website to see if you had posted any questions to date. I wasn't able to find any questions related to the grant but I may be looking in the wrong spot.</p>	<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Please refer to RFA, <i>Section I, f. Eligible Projects, 4.</i>; You would still be eligible and need to describe how you are working to providing non-duplication of services between the Snap Ed RFA and OTDA. Projects funds are mutually exclusive. Projects and expenses must be kept separate and distinct from other grant-funded projects and expenses may not overlap with other state grant funding, such as the NYS Urban Farms and Community Gardens program.</p>
<p>Do the allowable expenses “salaries” include stipends to the local farmers for time spent harvesting the food they will sell at the farm stand site and the time they will spend at the distribution site selling the produce?</p> <p>For Travel could they also be allowed reimbursement at the federal rate for driving to the eligible farm stand site that could be reimbursed through these grant funds?</p>	<p>Expenses</p>	<p>Please refer to RFA <i>Section I, i. Ineligible Costs</i> ; Stipends and contractual agreements are ineligible.</p> <p>Travel costs related to the project can be billed according to the federal rate.</p>

<p>I recently read the RFP and thought of our community garden.</p> <p>I am specifically hoping we can apply for the full \$50,000 to pay for a part-time salary and supplies.</p> <p>Our organization is an intensive therapeutic and residential housing facility for roughly 80 youth and young adult males annually, who live with us for 18 months while they work on their recovery from addiction and other mental health related issues.</p> <p>The program sits on 5 acres of green space in. We own the property and utilize a community garden to provide food for residents, not only at our organization, but an emergency shelter and 2 other distinct transitional housing programs for youth and women fleeing domestic violence. In all the garden provides food for 100 or so people per week.</p> <p>We would love to create a part-time position for a graduate of our organization who would oversee a more formalized program that would include an educational piece for our residents and the community at large.</p> <p>I realize questions may be submitted until November 20 but I'm wondering if something like I've described would be considered eligible for SNAP-ED Community Growers?</p> <p>In other words, I can't determine if my question is appropriate for the forum of questions to be answered publicly, or if it makes more sense to get feedback from you before jumping in with an application?</p>	<p>Expenses</p>	<p>Please refer to <i>RFA Section I, h. Eligible Costs</i>, Please craft your proposal accordingly.</p>
<p>Could you please define what costs are allowed under administrative costs? And could you also provide an explanation on the difference between indirect and administrative costs?</p>	<p>Expenses</p>	<p>Per the State Comptroller: Indirect Costs are defined as: costs for activities that benefit more than one program or objective and, therefore, cannot be identified to only a specific contract.</p> <p>Administrative Costs: Project planning and implementation. In this instance administrative costs refers to costs directly associated with implementation of the project).</p>
<p>The RFP says that "purchase of food" is an ineligible cost. Does that refer to prepared food or ingredients that would be used in a cooking demo/class?</p> <p>If we are doing cooking demos and classes we would use what we grow, but we will also need to purchase staples.</p>	<p>Expenses</p>	<p>Prepared food is not eligible. Nutrition education materials (supplies for cooking expenses) are allowed under operating expenses.</p>

<p>We would like to know- are incentives for community members participation an allowable operating expense? We would like to provide \$5k in Greenmarket Bucks as an incentive for community members who participate in nutrition education workshops and cooking demos, that can then be used to purchase fruits and vegetables at GrowNYC Greenmarkets or Farmstands.</p> <p>We have found that by providing incentive, we significantly increase the likelihood of participants purchasing and incorporating more fruits and vegetables into their diet at a later date. Please let me know. Thank you.</p>	<p>Expenses</p>	<p>This may be considered as an operational expense. Please provide your craft your proposal accordingly.</p>
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