



Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) – Application Supplement

Regional Innovation Pilot Program – Public/Private Partnership Matching Grant

Fiscal Year: FY26

Administering Agency: New Jersey Office of the Food Security Advocate (OFSA)

All applicants should include the following information in their response to the NOFA. Please do not exceed 5 pages in your response.

1. Organizational Overview & Eligibility

- Describe your organization’s mission, core activities, and primary service geography in New Jersey.
- Describe your organization’s collaboration with partner organizations and your ability to bring stakeholders together.
- Describe your organization’s experience working within New Jersey’s food system, including partnerships with agricultural producers, food assistance organizations, or community-based entities.
- Identify the primary populations or communities your organization serves.

2. Proposed Project Description

- Describe the proposed project or model, including its goals, key activities, and intended outcomes.
- Explain how the project will directly strengthen the connection between New Jersey-produced food and residents experiencing food insecurity.

3. Alignment with FY26 Mandate & Strategic Plan

- Describe how the proposed project advances the FY26 budget language to streamline the provision of food supplied by New Jersey-based agricultural producers to residents in need.
- Identify how the project aligns with Focus Area 2: Expand Community-Based Food Infrastructure and Local Market Channel Creation and specify which strategy or strategies it advances.



- Describe any additional alignment with other Food Security Strategic Plan focus areas, if applicable.

4. Implementation Plan & Timeline

- Provide a clear implementation plan with major milestones from award through June 30, 2026 (FY26).
- Provide a timeline of anticipated activities past June 30th, 2026.
- Identify key partners and their roles in implementation.
- Describe anticipated challenges and how the project will mitigate risk.

5. Outcomes, Data, and Learning

- Describe data collection methods and reporting capacity.
- Explain how learning from the pilot could inform future scale-up or replication.

6. Budget, Fiscal Capacity

- Describe internal fiscal controls, grant management capacity, and experience managing public funds.
- Confirm ability to comply with state reporting, reimbursement, and audit requirements.
- Describe your approach to fiscal reporting, performance monitoring, and compliance with state requirements.
- Provide a quarterly report of how funds were utilized and to whom funds were awarded.

7. Fund Management & Philanthropic Match

- Describe your organization's experience managing multi-source funds, including public and philanthropic dollars.
- Describe your plan to secure, manage, and document a philanthropic match that meets or exceeds the \$1M state investment.
- Explain how the dedicated fund will be structured, governed, and monitored.

9. Partnership & Convening Role

- Describe your organization's experience building and managing cross-sector partnerships.



- Explain how you will engage food producers, food assistance organizations, philanthropy, and public agencies as part of the pilot.
- Describe how decision-making, transparency, and accountability will be maintained.

Contact Information

Please submit any questions and application responses to:

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