

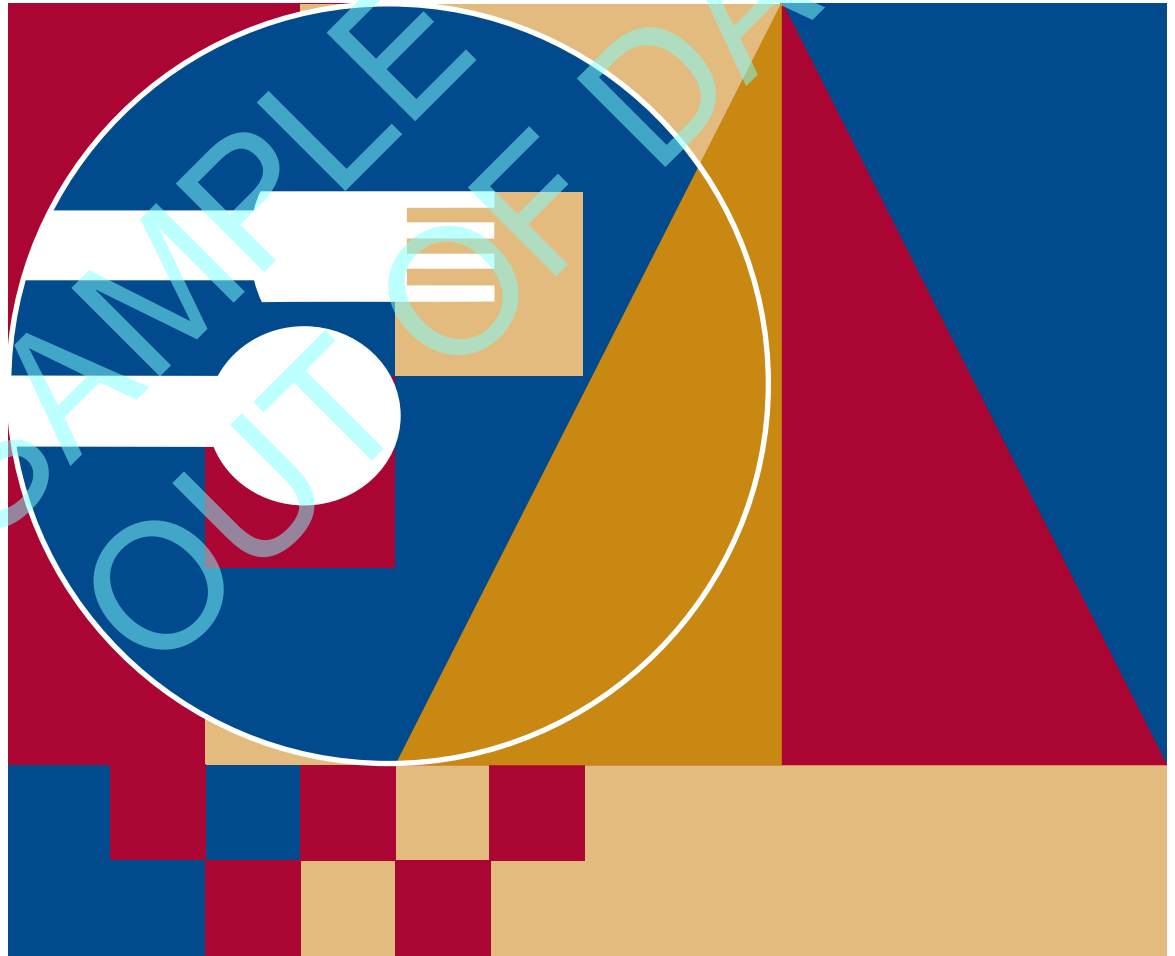


Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program

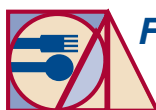
Fiscal 2006

Competitive Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

Description and Application Process



Economic Research for a Healthy, Well-Nourished America



**Food Assistance & Nutrition
Research Program**

Checklist

All proposals submitted under the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP) must contain the applicable elements described in this brochure and should be mailed by May 22, 2006. The following checklist has been prepared to assist in ensuring that the proposal is complete and in the proper order prior to mailing:

- ✓ Application for Federal Domestic Assistance Form (SF-424)
 - Is all required information accurate and complete?
 - Is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number: 10.250?
 - Has the authorized organizational representative signed the SF-424?
 - Is the CFDA Title: Agricultural and Rural Economic Research?
 - Have you included a telephone number, fax number, and/or e-mail address where a message may be left for you?
 - Have you included the requested total funding amount from the budget form?
- ✓ Proposal and All Attachments in PDF (only for electronic submissions through Grants.gov)
- ✓ Table of Contents
 - Are page numbers included for each item?
- ✓ Project Summary
 - Has the Project Summary been included?
 - Do the name and institution of the Principal Investigator and co-investigators appear on the page, or on the following page?
 - Does it include research objectives?
 - Is it no more than 250 words?
- ✓ Project Description
 - Is the project fully described?
 - Does this section adhere to the format and page limitations, as specified?
 - Does this section begin as page 1, as specified?
 - Does it contain a tentative schedule or workplan of major steps of study?
- ✓ Citations to Project Description
 - Are all references cited?
 - Are all citations referenced?
 - Do all citations contain a title and are they in accepted journal format?
- ✓ Documentation from Collaborator(s), or Host Institution (where appropriate)
- ✓ Vitae and Publications List(s)
 - Are vitae included for the Principal Investigator and co-investigators, senior associates, and other key project personnel (including subcontractors—see instructions)?
 - Are the vitae current and pertinent?
 - Are the publications lists complete and limited to the last 5 years?
- ✓ Budget Form (SF-424A)
 - Are budget items complete?
 - Is the summary budget included?
 - Is the funding level total in line k within the stated limit of \$400,000 for the 3-year duration of the project proposal?
 - Is the budget duration within the stated limit of 3 years?
- ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Schedule
 - For reimbursement of indirect costs, is a copy included of the applicant's indirect cost rate schedule that reports the applicant's federally negotiated audited rate?
- ✓ General
 - Does the proposal conform to all format and page limitations and deadline requirements?
 - Are there an original and 12 copies (paper submissions only)?
 - Are all copies complete?

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Overview

Applications are invited for competitive grant and cooperative agreement awards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for fiscal 2006. This document provides background on the research areas of interest to the Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FANRP), application procedures, deadlines for submission, and guidance for the application process.

USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) anticipates awarding approximately \$1.5 million in fiscal 2006 for competitive grants and cooperative agreements. ERS will accept proposals under this program for funding levels, inclusive of indirect cost when applicable, between \$100,000 and \$400,000 (for the duration of the grant and/or the cooperative agreement, not to exceed 3 years). Parties interested in smaller grants should consult the FANRP website at www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodnutritionassistance/funding/.

For 2006, applicants may continue to submit paper-copy applications under existing procedures. Alternatively, as part of the USDA's implementation of E-Government under the President's Management Agenda, the Economic Research Service will accept applications for this program submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website at www.grants.gov.

The Grants.gov website is the single access point to electronically find and apply for competitive Federal funding opportunities and manage grants from all Federal grantmaking agencies in one place.

Applicants can apply to this funding opportunity through www.grants.gov. First-time users should go to the "Get Started" tab on the website and carefully read and follow the steps listed in order to apply. Your organization will need to be registered with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR) at www.ccr.gov. Your organization also will need a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number. A DUNS number is a unique nine-character identification number provided by the commercial company, Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). To investigate if your organization already has a DUNS number or to obtain a DUNS number, contact Dun & Bradstreet at 1-866-705-5711. Be sure to complete the Marketing Partner ID (MPIN) and Electronic Business Primary Point of Contact fields during the CCR registration process. These are mandatory fields that are required when submitting grant applications through www.grants.gov.

Please note: The DUNS and CCR requirements described above are applicable to all applicants whether you choose to apply through Grants.gov or submit a paper application package.

Authority

The authority for this program is contained in the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, Fiscal 2006 (P.L. 109-97). Under this program, subject to the availability of funds, the Secretary may award competitive grants and cooperative agreements for the support of research projects to further USDA food and nutrition assistance programs, especially the Food Stamp Program (FSP), Child Nutrition Programs (School Breakfast, National School Lunch, Summer Food Service, and Child and Adult Care Food Program), and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Proposals may be submitted by any State agricultural experiment station, college, university, other research institution or organization, Federal agency, private organization, corporation, or individual.

Applicable Federal Statutes, Regulations, and Guidelines

Applicable Federal statutes, regulations, and guidelines include the following:

(a) guidelines to be followed when submitting grant proposals and cooperative agreements and rules governing the evaluation of proposals; (b) the USDA Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations, 7 CFR 3019; (c) the USDA Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations, 7 CFR Part 3015; (d) the USDA Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments, 7 CFR Part 3016; and (e) Cooperative Research Agreement 7 USC 3318b.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 10.250. The CFDA Title is Economic Research Service.

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Priority Research Areas

ERS is accepting economic research proposals that focus on USDA's food assistance and nutrition programs. All proposals should have important implications for these programs. Anticipated funding in fiscal 2006 for competitive grants and cooperative agreements is approximately \$1.5 million.

Three research areas (listed below) highlight priorities for proposed competitive grants or cooperative agreements. ERS is particularly interested in proposals that use existing cross-sectional or longitudinal data, such as the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Birth Cohort (ECLS-B), the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K), the Current Population Survey (CPS), the Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD), the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), the Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES), the National Food Stamp Program Survey (NFSPS), the American Community Survey (ACS), the American Time Use Survey (ATUS), or the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). ERS also is interested in proposals that make creative and innovative linkages between data sets, such as links with administrative data.

The suggested topics and questions discussed below within each Priority Research Area are intended only to stimulate research proposals. Applicants may propose other topics within any Priority Research Area with justification. FANRP has a large inventory of ongoing research projects. Applicants are encouraged to read project descriptions in the *Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program, Final Report: Fiscal 2005 Activities* or in the FANRP Project Descriptions to avoid duplication. The report and the FANRP Project Descriptions are available on the FANRP website at www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodnutritionassistance/. In addition, the site contains information on various data sets available for food and nutrition assistance research at www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodnutritionassistance/data/. Applicants may address multiple issues, but must specify one of the three Priority Research Areas below:

I. Economic Incentives in Food Assistance Programs

- A. Program Incentives, Policy Choices, and Economic Impacts
- B. Improving Evaluation Methodology With Administrative Data

II. Food Assistance as a Safety Net

- A. Household Tradeoffs and Well-Being
- B. Filling the Gap or Duplication Efforts

III. Food Choices, Obesity, and Human Capital

- A. Economics of Food Choices of Low-Income Populations
- B. Obesity, Food Security, and Human Capital

