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Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

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December 8, 2022

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord New Hampshire 03301

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, Division of Agricultural Development to accept and expend Local Food for Schools Cooperative Grant Program funds from United States of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of $558,989 for the purpose of procuring local commodity foods for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds will be budgeted for FY 2023 as follows:

02-018-018-180010-NEWXXXX, Local Food For Schools		**FY 2023**	**FY 2023**	**FY 2023**
CLASS/OBJECT	**CLASS TITLE**	**CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET**	**BUDGET REQUEST**	**REVISED BUDGET**
Revenue				
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	$ 0	$ 558,989	$ 558,989
	Total Funding	$ 0	$ 558,989	$ 558,989
Expense				
072-502636	Fruits & Vegetables – School Lunch Prog.	$ 0	$ 558,989	$ 558,989
	Total Expense	$ 0	$ 558,989	$ 558,989

EXPLANATION

Local Food for Schools Cooperative Grant Program (LFS) - $558,989 is requested to strengthen the food system for schools by expanding local and regional markets; helping to build

a resilient local food chain. Specifically, LFS funding will be used to purchase domestic, locally grown foods from local producers and small businesses for distribution to NH schools.

The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Agricultural Development (DAMF) will collaborate with NH Farm to School (NHF2S), NH Hunger Solutions and their farm, food hub, and school district partners to procure local commodity foods for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) with over 40% of their student population who qualify for free and reduced meals, indicating a high percent of poverty in the community. 44 such districts have been identified in the state to be eligible for an allotment of LFS funds. This allotment will be in the form of a credit with a local food hub or small farm. Once an order is placed by an eligible school district, the food producer business will invoice DAMF for that qualifying commodity order.

NH has 25,296 students eligible for free and reduced school meals who stand to benefit from this program in addition to 300 small farms who are expected to participate through NH's food hub network.

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 072 – Grants – Fruits & Vegetables – School Lunch Prog. – To assist States, through cash grants, in providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to school children.

The grant award does not allow for the audit fund set-aside or indirect costs, therefore no budget is requested for these class lines.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely

Shawn N. Jasper
Commissioner

NOTICE OF AWARD

United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Services

Local Food for Schools

1400 Independence Ave, SW
Room 4543-S
Stop 0264
Washington, DC 20250-0264

November 04, 2022

ATTN: Joshua Marshall, Director, Agricultural Development
CONCORD, NH

SUBJECT: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Notice of Award (NOA) for Agreement No. AM23CPLFS000C007

CFDA#: 10.185

Project Director: Joshua Marshall

Project Title: Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative

Period of Performance: November 1, 2022-October 31, 2023

AMS Award Amount: $558,989.00

Matching Funds Amount: $0.00

Dear Joshua Marshall:

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) hereby awards a grant to STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - DEPARTMENT OF A BUREAU OF MARKETS in support of the above referenced program. This Award is pursuant to (CFDA# 10.185, Local Food for Schools) and is subject to:

1. Your organization's application package, including the SF-424, SF-424B, Application/Project Narrative, Budget Summary/Narrative, other supporting letters and documents, as applicable, match verification, as applicable, AD-3030, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants, as applicable, and AD-3031, Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants, as applicable.

2. Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions (https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf)

Acceptance of this award requires an authorized STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - DEPARTMENT OF A BUREAU OF MARKETS representative to sign and date the Grant Award and submit to Elizabeth LOBER at elizabeth.lober@usda.gov.

If you have any questions about this NOA, please contact the Federal Agency Project Manager listed in Box 13 of the attached Grant Agreement.

Sincerely,

Erin Morris

USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

Grant Agreement Face Sheet

1. Accounting Code: 9000025714	**2. Vendor I.D. (EIN):**	**3. UEI Number / DUNS Number:** V1KTLTHPAXD6 / 176836583
4. Agreement Number: AM23CPLFS000C007	**5. Type of Instrument:** Grant Agreement	**6. CFDA Number:** 10.185

7. Title of Agreement:
Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative

8. Objective:
To increase purchasing of local and regional foods for distribution to schools.

9. Statement of Work:
This agreement shall be carried out by the organizational units or officials of the Federal Agency and the Recipient in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.

10. Legal Authority:
The Local Food for Schools Program (LFS) is authorized by section 5(c) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714c (c)).

11. Federal Agency (Name and Address): Local Food for Schools	**12. Recipient:** STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - DEPARTMENT OF A BUREAU OF MARKETS 25 CAPITOL ST FL 2 CONCORD, NH 03301-6312
13. Federal Agency Project Manager: ANA MICIJEVIC, Program Manager Telephone: Email: Ana.Micijevic@usda.gov	**14. Recipient Project Coordinator:** Joshua Marshall, Director, Agricultural Development Telephone: (603) 271-3688 Email: joshua.k.marshall@agr.nh.gov

15. Period of Performance: November 01, 2022 through October 31, 2023	**16. Federal Agency Funding Amount:** $558,989.00	**Non-Federal Matching Amount:** $0.00

PROVISIONS

This Agreement incorporates the following:

1. Approved application and budget including any mutually agreed upon budget revisions and other changes and amendments thereto. 2. Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions (October 2021) available at https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf. 3. 2 CFR Part 200. 2 CFR Part 400

17. Federal Agency Representative Approval: Erin Morris Deputy Administrator Agricultural Marketing Service	**18. Recipient Representative Approval:** Name: Shawn Jasper Title: Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets & Food
19. Federal Agency Representative Approval Signature: Date: Erin Morris 11/02/2022	**20. Recipient Representative Approval Signature: Date:** Shawn Jasper 11/04/2022

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Budget Details Table

	Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Gross Total By Line
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fringe Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contractual	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	558,989.00	0.00	558,989.00
Total Direct Cost	558,989.00	0.00	558,989.00
Cooperator Indirect Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Total	558,989.00	0.00	558,989.00