

**CNP STARTUP AND EXPANSION GRANTS
REQUEST FOR APPLICATION
Questions & Answers**

1. Our program is always in a deficit because the reimbursement rates don't cover the cost of the program. It is ok to use the expansion grant to reimburse us for already planned advertising and/or mileage to transport food to sites? Or does it have to be for something new that we have never done before or purchased before?

Grant funds may be used for advertising of the SFSP. Grant funds may also be request for mileage, though ideally it is for new sites and/ or meal routes in rural areas.

2. Is the CNP start up grant and expansion grant put on hold or can we apply?

The SUE grant is now open and potential applicants are encouraged to apply.

3. What is the due date for this grant?

The due dates and times are listed in the Schedule Section of the RFA.

4. Regarding the CNP Startup and Expansion Grants Program. Section 3.1.2 of the RFA states that all questions must be emailed to the SPC; however, the program page includes a link to a question submission form (link to the form provided below for reference). Just to confirm, may questions be emailed to the SPC as well as be submitted via the online question form? Question form link: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fbe7f6ee47a5411bbec6d49e57c6f66c>

Both ways are acceptable. SPC does a review of the questions submitted on the Smartsheet as well as submitted by email.

5. In reference to the ODE CNP Startup and Expansion Grant, Attachment D "Use of Funds" Part 3A. Would the following items be allowable under Transportation Related Purchases:

- Retrofitting a van with a **lift gate** for mobile meal operations
- Adding a **power inverter** to the cargo area of a van to transport food warmers for mobile meal operations.

Yes, both retrofitting a van with a lift gate and adding a power inverter to support the delivery of hot summer meals are allowable under Transportation related purchases.

6. In the grant will not pay for vehicles, but will it pay for a rental refrigerated truck?

The grant is unable to be used to pay for motorized vehicles. However, a non-motorized refrigeration trailer may be an eligible grant expense.