



## **2024 Call for Proposals:**

### **Advancing Food Security in New Jersey Through Community-Accountable Benefits Programs and Anti-Hunger Policy Solutions**

#### **Application Questions**

- 1. Describe the proposal, including the needs it seeks to address, who will benefit, the goals you hope to achieve during the grant period, and key activities. If relevant, explain how the proposal is informed by or adapted from an evidence-based approach from within or outside New Jersey. (500 words or less)**
- 2. How does the proposal align with one or both of the NJFSI priorities that are the focus of this funding opportunity? (250 words or less)**
- 3. How will the proposal increase food security and improve nutrition to advance health equity in New Jersey? What is/are the specific practice(s), policy(ies), system(s), and/or environment(s) it seeks to change in ways that can help leverage momentum within the state and be sustained once grant funding ends? (500 words or less)**
- 4. What relevant experience does key personnel have in designing, managing, and/or implementing similar initiatives, including centering the needs of New Jersey residents who have experienced food insecurity due to limited food access and poverty? (500 words or less)**
- 5. How have community-based, grassroots organizations, and/or New Jersey residents who have experienced food insecurity due to limited food access and poverty been involved in the proposal development process? How will they be involved in planning, implementation, and/or evaluation? What funds (and/or other resources) are you providing to support their participation? (500 words or less)**
- 6. What New Jersey-based organizations, institutions, and/or agencies are critical to the success of this proposal? What are the expected roles and contributions of partners that will be involved? How will this proposal help catalyze cross-sector collaboration among key partners? (500 words or less)**

7. What challenges do you expect to encounter, and how do you expect to mitigate them? (250 words or less)
8. How will you define, measure, and share success? Please provide three or four specific measures you would monitor at baseline and at the end of the grant period to show your proposal has achieved your stated goals as well as plans for sharing progress and results with residents/populations most impacted by your proposal. (250 words or less)
9. How much funding are you requesting (minimum \$175,000, maximum \$225,000)? What (if any) other funding and in-kind resources are you or your partners contributing to this proposal? (250 word or less)

**NOTE: Responses to questions 10–12 will NOT be scored and are shared as background information only.**

10. Should this proposal receive funding, do you foresee the need for an optional planning period (up to three months at the beginning of the grant period)? If so, what would you expect to accomplish during that time? Note: Responses to this question will not be scored and are requested for background information only. (250 words or less)
11. If your work engages food insecure populations (i.e., SNAP and WIC participants) in New Jersey, are you willing to collaborate with the Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition (GSCN) to understand their perspectives on potential impacts the initiative may have had, such as through focus groups, interviews, and/or surveys? Please note that all participants will be compensated for their time. Note: Responses to this question will not be scored and are required for background information only.
  - Yes — our work engaged food insecure populations, and we are willing to collaborate with GSCN
  - No — our work does not engage food insecure populations, and/or we are not willing to collaborate with GSCN
  - Unsure

Please add any comments below to help explain your response above. (250 words or less)

12. Should you receive funding, are key proposal leaders or staff interested in receiving technical assistance from NJFSI for project-related data collection and assessment? Note: Responses to this question will not be scored and are required for background information only.
  - No
  - Yes
  - Unsure