Section 1000 Introduction

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1100   Program Description

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) offers the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) to clients participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Using farmers' markets, this program is designed to increase consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by WIC clients and provide opportunities for farmers to sell their produce locally.

1200   Administration

TDA has an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to administer the FMNP in Texas, and does so in accordance with federal and state requirements. The contracting entity (CE) may reference these requirements in the following sources:

- Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 248, *WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program*
- 7 CFR Part 246, *Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children*
- 2 CFR Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*

TDA provides administrative funds, if available, to contracting entities (CEs), such as nonprofit organizations and public agencies that participate in the FMNP.

TDA's responsibilities include the following activities:

- Administering the FMNP in Texas
- Disbursing administrative funds
- Assisting CEs in the operation and management of the FMNP
- Monitoring the FMNP to ensure that reimbursement is used for FMNP purposes.

CEs' responsibilities include the following activities:

- Complying with the terms of FMNP Agreement(s) and Addendum(s), if applicable
- Implementing and operating an approved financial management system
- Distributing vouchers to eligible participants
- Maintaining FMNP records

- Submitting vouchers for reimbursement
- Distributing funds to farmers' market associations
- Monitoring to ensure the FMNP is operating according to regulations.

NOTE: The CE may find forms for operating the FMNP 'on the TDA website. Access the TDA website at http://www.squaremeals.org/, go to "Programs," click on "Farmers' Market Nutrition Program," choose FMNP Administration and Forms," then input the form title or form number in the appropriate search field. TDA will notify CEs when it posts new or revised forms and instructions on the website.

For any required form that does not have an electronic version; TDA will provide a paper version for CEs' use.

1300   Other Programs

TDA administers the FMNP through agreements with nonprofit organizations or public agencies in Texas. TDA also administers the following USDA nutrition programs:

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- Food Distribution Program (FDP) for Child Nutrition Programs
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
    - o   Afterschool Care Program (ASCP)
    - o   Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
    - o   Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)
- Special Milk Program (SMP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

CEs may receive additional information about these programs on the TDA website at http://www.squaremeals.org/. For CEs that do not have internet access, please contact TDA at (877) TEX-MEAL.

If a CE is approved to participate in more than one program, it must ensure that it

- Maintains separate records for each program, and
- Attributes costs to the appropriate program.

1400   Funding

Each year, USDA grants administrative funding to TDA to administer and operate the FMNP in Texas.

1500   Appeals

CEs have the right to appeal certain actions TDA takes that adversely affects their participation in the FMNP, including the denial of applications. Refer to Section 8000, *Denials, Terminations and Appeals*, for additional information regarding appeal rights.