

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Description

The SFMNP awards grants to States, United States Territories and Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments to provide low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs.

The majority of grant funds must be used for foods that are provided under the SFMNP; State agencies may use up to 10 percent of their grants for program administrative costs.

Participation

Low-income seniors generally defined as individuals who are at least 60 years old and who have household incomes of not exceeding 185% of the Federal poverty income guidelines (published each year by the Department of Health and Human Services) are the targeted recipients of SFMNP benefits.

Some State agencies accept proof of participation or enrollment in another means-tested program, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), for SFMNP eligibility.

Budget

In FY 2012, \$20.6 million was provided to SFMNP by transfer from the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

Contact Information

For more information about this program, we suggest that you contact the SFMNP contact person for your State agency, found at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/SeniorFMNP/SFMNPcontacts.htm>.