



Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Nutrition Education Grant Program (FDPNE)



Program Description

Since 2008, FNS has awarded funding each fiscal year for nutrition education projects through the Food Distribution Program Nutrition Education (FDPNE) grant program.

The overall goal of the FDPNE grant program is to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for FDPIR will make healthy food choices consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and USDA MyPlate Guidance.

The project requirements for FDPNE grants are based on the [The SNAP Education Plan Guidance](#). In addition, FNS selects components of the latest [Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#) for development of FDPNE program goals.

Eligibility

Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and State agencies (SAs) that administer FDPIR are eligible to apply for funds to conduct projects that provide nutrition education to existing FDPIR participants and/or FDPIR-eligible participants in their communities.

ITOs and SAs can apply individually, or as a consortium with multiple ITOs/SAs working together.

Award Information

FNS typically awards just under \$1 million each year with individual awards ranging from \$2,000 to \$220,000. FNS attempts to fund as many applications as possible with an average of 15 applicants being funded each year.

The Request for Applications (RFA) is usually published in January with awards made in the summer each year. For examples of funded projects, please visit the FNS website:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fdpir/nutrition-education-grant-awards>

Desired Grant Program Outcomes

- Improve nutrition-related skills and behaviors among FDPIR participants, resulting in healthier food choices and a better understanding of healthy food preparation methods of USDA Foods provided in the FDPIR food package.
- Strengthen existing partnerships to provide sustainable nutrition education and wellness promotion programs in Tribal communities.
- Foster Tribal capacity to influence and reinforce nutrition-related skills and behaviors throughout the community.

