

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE NOTICE OF (ARPA) FUNDING AVAILABILITY
FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FOOD SERVICES**

(7/14/22)

- Q. (Our organization's) 501(c)(3) number does not show up in the government database. Will this cause a problem with the application?
- A. It will not cause a problem with the application. However, Solano County must report to the U.S. Treasury all ARPA expenditures, including what it awards to subrecipients. In order to do this, subrecipients must have a Unique Entity ID (UEI), a number that is obtained through the System for Award Management (SAM) at SAM.gov. You may have had a DUNS number in the past, but SAM has removed the use of DUNS numbers and replaced it with the UEI. All award recipients must have or be able to obtain a UEI by registering with SAM and provide the UEI to the County no later than September 15, 2022.
- Q. What is the County's recommendation for smaller organizations that don't receive enough funding to have experienced required audits?
- A. Unfortunately, we cannot give recommendations but we can tell you that if you do not have audited financial statements, include a copy of unaudited statements of revenues and expenditures (and a balance sheet if applicable) and an explanation about why the agency does not have audited financial statements.
- Q. Does the County have any standard templates it wants used to explain the above situation?
- A. There is no standard format required. You should provide as much detail as possible in a narrative.
- Q. Is there is a preferred ratio of food purchase to staff cost?
- A. No required ratio was given by the Board. Please include your actual ratio.
- Q. Is it possible to use some of the grant funds to purchase and distribute emergency grocery gift cards? Or are there other restrictions that we should be aware of?
- A. The NOFA documents do not strictly prohibit it, so you can choose to include it in your application if that is your plan.
- Q. I'm not seeing an electronic version of the NOFA anywhere, or a budget worksheet. Do these exist?
- A. The online version of the NOFA has been updated to be a fillable PDF.
- Q. Are we able to use some of the funding to make small capital improvement to one of our food distributions sites?
- A. There will be another NOFA within the next month or so for capacity building for providing emergency food services.