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<b>Summary:</b>	(1) This memorandum provides the total funding amount available to FNS to distribute to State agencies, which is \$238 million for FY 2023. This includes \$186.5 million in new funds available under Section 19 of the NSLA, which is the prior year base amount adjusted for inflation, and an additional \$51.5 million in unexpired carryover funds from previous years. (2) This memorandum applies to school food authorities operating the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. (3) This document relates to section 19 of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) [42 U.S.C. 1769a].
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The *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)*, under Section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) is a nationwide program that operates in select elementary schools in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide funding allocation amounts for all State agencies for fiscal year (FY) 2023; to provide information on funding requirements and deadlines; and to serve as a reminder of important program requirements.

### **Allocation of Funds to State Agencies**

For FY 2023, the total funding amount available to FNS to distribute to State agencies is \$238 million. This includes \$186.5 million in new funds available under Section 19 of the NSLA and an additional \$51.5 million in unexpired carryover funds from previous years.

Per Section 19 of the NSLA, the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will apply the following allocation formula for FFVP funding:

- 1) All 50 States and the District of Columbia will receive an annual grant equal to one percent of the funds made available; and
- 2) Remaining funds will be allocated to all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands based on the proportion of the State population to the U.S. population.

All funds are allocated using this formula.<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the Attachment for the FFVP funding allocations being made available to each State.

### **Funds for State Administrative Costs**

Section 19 permits State agencies to retain a portion of their total FFVP grant allocation for State administrative costs. The amount of funds retained for State administrative costs is the lesser of: (1) five percent of the State agency's total grant for the year; or (2) the amount required to pay the costs of one full-time coordinator for the FFVP. Each State agency should identify the appropriate level and resulting salary for a FFVP coordinator within the State agency's personnel structure. As a reminder, this provision serves to assist State agencies in determining the FFVP administrative funds they can retain from their total grant and does not require State agencies to employ a coordinator for the FFVP.

The amount retained for State administrative costs must be determined upfront, since State agencies must subtract funds used for State administrative costs prior to making school selections and determining school allocations. FFVP state administrative funds are subject to the same cost accountability and management principles applied to State Administrative Expense funds in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

### **School Eligibility Data for SY 2022-2023**

State agencies generally use free and reduced price school meal data from the preceding October to identify elementary schools eligible to participate in FFVP in the subsequent school year. However, as many SFAs will not have accurate October data because of program changes due to COVID-19, State agencies may use the data they determine to be most accurate. Therefore, State agencies may use data from October 2021 or a different month during SY 2021-2022 they determine to be more accurate, data from October 2019

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<sup>1</sup> Per Section 19 of the NSLA, FNS has retained \$500,000 for administrative costs of carrying out FFVP.

or October 2020, or data newly collected for SY 2022-2023; the data chosen must be used consistently throughout the State.

**General Program Reminders**

- The statutory requirements for school selection are very prescriptive and require that schools with the highest level of free and reduced price enrollment receive priority in selection. For more detailed information regarding school targeting, outreach to needy schools and the application process, please refer to FNS memorandum SP 10-2010, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Targeted School Selection and Outreach Process (December 1, 2009). See also the manual Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program: A Handbook for Schools, found at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/handbook.pdf>
- As stated in Section 19 of the NSLA, only elementary schools are eligible to participate in the FFVP. Secondary schools are not allowed to participate.
- Total enrollment of all schools selected by the State agency must result in a per-student allocation of \$50 to \$75 per year.
- The application process must be conducted annually. However, returning schools do not have to submit a new application each year; instead, they are permitted to update their application on file, at the discretion of the State agency.
- As stated earlier, all elementary schools should be operating the FFVP as soon as the new school year begins. Therefore, to the extent practicable, State agencies are strongly encouraged to select their schools before the current school year ends.
- Financial reporting for the FFVP will be conducted via the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS). State agencies must submit the Federal Financial Report SF-425<sup>2</sup> electronically for four quarters and also submit a final report. Instructions for reporting on the SF-425 can be found at the “Help” option at the FPRS main menu under “OMB Forms and Forms Instructions.”

The following table provides some key FFVP dates:

Key Dates to Remember	
June 30, 2022	State agencies select SY 2022 - 23 FFVP Eligible Schools
October 1, 2022	State agencies receive total annual funding
September 30, 2023	State agencies and schools must obligate all allocated October FY 2023 funds by this date
December 31, 2023	Closeout of FY 2023 funds; State agencies submit final SF-425, Federal Financial Report, via FPRS

<sup>2</sup> The burden associated with this requirement is captured under OMB #0584-0594 Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS) – 07/31/2023

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State agencies with questions regarding FFVP should contact their respective regional offices.

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Attachment: FY 2023 FFVP State Allocations

<b>ATTACHMENT</b>			
<b>FFVP Allocations by State for Fiscal Year 2023</b>			
<b>State</b>	<b>Base Amount, based on ~ \$186.5 million available</b>	<b>Estimated Carryover, based on ~ \$51.5 million available</b>	<b>Total per State allocation based on ~ \$238 million available</b>
Alabama	\$3,238,063	\$888,187	\$4,126,250
Alaska	\$2,064,609	\$570,764	\$2,635,373
Arizona	\$3,847,359	\$1,068,943	\$4,916,302
Arkansas	\$2,689,373	\$744,727	\$3,434,100
California	\$12,554,951	\$3,521,614	\$16,076,565
Colorado	\$3,448,439	\$953,286	\$4,401,725
Connecticut	\$2,847,308	\$786,385	\$3,633,693
Delaware	\$2,138,362	\$589,194	\$2,727,556
District of Columbia	\$2,047,548	\$568,801	\$2,616,349
Florida	\$7,799,047	\$2,149,357	\$9,948,404
Georgia	\$4,807,232	\$1,322,987	\$6,130,219
Hawaii	\$2,257,736	\$622,835	\$2,880,571
Idaho	\$2,382,887	\$651,079	\$3,033,966
Illinois	\$5,317,213	\$1,479,308	\$6,796,521
Indiana	\$3,719,222	\$1,027,359	\$4,746,581
Iowa	\$2,734,922	\$755,172	\$3,490,094
Kansas	\$2,664,497	\$736,776	\$3,401,273
Kentucky	\$3,093,539	\$855,049	\$3,948,588
Louisiana	\$3,124,775	\$868,830	\$3,993,605
Maine	\$2,238,855	\$617,382	\$2,856,237
Maryland	\$3,544,627	\$975,120	\$4,519,747
Massachusetts	\$3,767,917	\$1,039,556	\$4,807,473
Michigan	\$4,603,242	\$1,275,007	\$5,878,249
Minnesota	\$3,419,921	\$944,224	\$4,364,145
Mississippi	\$2,668,688	\$741,557	\$3,410,245
Missouri	\$3,545,460	\$982,101	\$4,527,561
Montana	\$2,165,847	\$596,424	\$2,762,271
Nebraska	\$2,399,988	\$662,291	\$3,062,279
Nevada	\$2,721,548	\$749,471	\$3,471,019
New Hampshire	\$2,243,417	\$618,561	\$2,861,978
New Jersey	\$4,389,736	\$1,190,952	\$5,580,688
New Mexico	\$2,441,449	\$674,649	\$3,116,098
New York	\$7,269,093	\$1,995,336	\$9,264,429

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North Carolina	\$4,739,557	\$1,313,146	\$6,052,703
North Dakota	\$2,076,127	\$573,086	\$2,649,213
Ohio	\$5,074,346	\$1,404,532	\$6,478,878
Oklahoma	\$2,951,119	\$816,189	\$3,767,308
Oregon	\$3,021,822	\$836,031	\$3,857,853
Pennsylvania	\$5,396,926	\$1,489,213	\$6,886,139
Rhode Island	\$2,163,488	\$595,708	\$2,759,196
South Carolina	\$3,279,155	\$906,869	\$4,186,024
South Dakota	\$2,108,936	\$582,414	\$2,691,350
Tennessee	\$3,765,327	\$1,034,737	\$4,800,064
Texas	\$9,909,588	\$2,721,418	\$12,631,006
Utah	\$2,774,397	\$759,044	\$3,533,441
Vermont	\$2,040,879	\$562,580	\$2,603,459
Virginia	\$4,219,500	\$1,164,574	\$5,384,074
Washington	\$3,973,328	\$1,094,523	\$5,067,851
West Virginia	\$2,350,749	\$651,466	\$3,002,215
Wisconsin	\$3,471,280	\$958,133	\$4,429,413
Wyoming	\$2,022,689	\$559,138	\$2,581,827
Puerto Rico	\$889,130	\$243,011	\$1,132,141
Guam	\$46,066	\$12,820	\$58,886
Virgin Islands	\$28,718	\$8,083	\$36,801
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$186,499,997</b>	<b>\$51,509,999</b>	<b>\$238,009,996</b>