

**RFA 2021 – 009 ARPA Food Access
Official Questions and Answers**

All questions should be directed to the RFA Authorized Contact Person: Angela Baucom at APHCompetitions@austintexas.gov or in the Partnergrants database by no later than February 2 by 3 PM CST.

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Question No.	Questions	Answers
1	Are we eligible to apply if we currently have contracts providing similar services through the City?	Currently active contracts with the City of Austin providing similar services would not disqualify you from applying for or potentially receiving funding through this solicitation. Other criteria for funding eligibility will be determined through the application process.
2	Are we allowed to apply for this if we have applied for another Austin Public Health RFA that has not been awarded yet?	Yes, you may apply to any opportunities for which your organization qualifies and you feel is a good fit for your organization. If an agency qualifies for multiple awards and there is concern about overlap, APH staff may reach out to negotiate directly with the organization.
3	Is the meeting being recorded? Would we be able to get a recording for later watching?	No—but the PowerPoint presentation, attendance, and official Questions and Answers will be available and accessible to all participants on the Competition Website .
4	Is the City amendable to a fiscal sponsorship type of arrangement? Can we have a corporate agency for whom we're a fiscal sponsor for? Open to accepting applications for organizations who are fiscal sponsors/being the fiscal agency for a collaboration?	Yes, fiscal collaborations are fine as long as the applying organization meets the threshold requirements outlined in Form C - Scope of Work. The fiscal agent would need to be the applicant for the funding and needs to meet all requirements. The fiscal agent becomes the "grantee" and the other organization(s) would be the subgrantee(s).
5	I understand, only 3 awards are available?	Per Form C - Scope of Work, we anticipate awarding up to three (3) General Food Access contracts and one (1) NFIP contract.
6	We serve school districts so we aren't the qualifying organization, we're the service organization. We rely on the school district to determine eligibility and qualification.	Applicants should explain in the application the relationship between the qualifying agency and service agency and what eligibility criteria is being used. Eligibility may vary by service type.

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	How do we work around that with the client eligibility criteria?	
7	Can we apply if we do not yet have tax exempt status?	The primary fiscal agent (Applicant) must be a registered non-profit with the Texas Department of State. An agency that does not yet have tax exempt status may operate as a subgrantee under this agreement. Please refer to the Form C – Scope of Work, Section VI. Applicant Minimum Qualifications.
8	How do we reflect current APH funding we receive in the budget form?	If you're receiving funding from APH for the program proposed, you'll include that in Form 3 – Program Budget and Funding Summary, in the Funding Summary tab.
9	Can we have the contact information for attendees of this presentation? Including the information for those who want to collaborate?	Yes- this presentation and all of its contents, including the email list, will be provided on the APH Competitions Website . Information shared in the Pre-Bid Conference Call chat related to collaboration will be noted in the Attendance Sheet.