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## **Farmers Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers SNAP Wireless Equipment Grant Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q: How does my farm/farmers' market become SNAP eligible?**

A: You must submit an application to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and obtain an FNS number to accept SNAP. Visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/farmer-producer> for additional information.

### **Q: I have yet to obtain an FNS number to be eligible to accept SNAP. How long will that process take?**

A: It can take anywhere from two (2) weeks to 45 days for a market to become SNAP eligible.

### **Q: How many applications for POS SNAP devices for farmers' market (FM) and direct-marketing farmers (DMF) will be funded?**

A: Funding allows for 35-40 POS SNAP devices to be awarded and funded to FM and DMF.

### **Q: When will applications no longer be accepted for this program?**

A: Applications will be accepted until the budgetary capacity has been reached.

### **Q: When does funding for the POS SNAP devices expire?**

A: The funds will be available ***through September 30, 2021 (i.e., the end of FY 2021)***. As of October 1, 2021 FM and DMF will be responsible for all fees associated with the POS SNAP devices.

### **Q: What does the award provide to FM and DMF?**

A: Awards to FM and DMF will provide a POS device which shall process SNAP-only benefits (i.e., equipment that can process ***only*** SNAP transactions) for SNAP-authorized FM and DMF.

Awards will also pay for services necessary to operate the SNAP processing equipment (set-up costs from equipment and service providers, monthly data plans, EBT processor fees, and transactions fees, for example).

These funds may **not** be used for administrative expenses, “double up” programs, outreach, materials, payment to support organizations (e.g., State farmers market associations), or any other purpose. Funds are intended solely for the uses described above.

**Q: If a FM or DMF received free EBT equipment from a State or FNS in the past (via MarketLink, the Farmers Market Coalition, or otherwise), can these funds be used to provide it replacement equipment?**

A: Yes. **If** a FM/DMF is otherwise eligible to participate in the Program, **and** wants SNAP-only equipment, **and** currently does not have functioning equipment, these funds can be used to provide them with one replacement device. Each SNAP-authorized FM location or SNAP authorized DMF can only obtain one device through this initiative. To be clear, each FM location and each DMF must only have one functional device that was obtained with Federal funds at any one time.