
7 U.S. Code § 2036a

Nutrition education and obesity prevention grant program

(a) Definition of eligible individual

In this section, the term “eligible individual” means an individual who is eligible to receive benefits under a nutrition education and obesity prevention program under this section as a result of being—

(1) an individual eligible for benefits under—

(A) this chapter;

(B) sections 1758(b)(1)(A) and 1766(c)(4) of title 42; or

(C) section 1773(e)(1)(A) of title 42;

(2) an individual who resides in a community with a significant low-income population, as determined by the Secretary; or

(3) such other low-income individual as is determined to be eligible by the Secretary.

(b) Programs

Consistent with the terms and conditions of grants awarded under this section, State agencies may implement a nutrition education and obesity prevention program for eligible individuals that promotes healthy food choices and physical activity consistent with the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans published under section 5341 of this title.

(c) Delivery of nutrition education and obesity prevention services

(1) In general

State agencies may deliver nutrition education and obesity prevention services under a program described in subsection (b)—

(A) directly to eligible individuals; or

(B) through agreements with other State or local agencies or community organizations.

(2) Nutrition education State plans

(A) In general

A State agency that elects to provide nutrition education and obesity prevention services under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary for approval a nutrition education State plan.

(B) Requirements

A nutrition education State plan shall—

(i) identify the uses of the funding for local projects;

(ii) ensure that the interventions are appropriate for eligible individuals who are members of low-income populations by recognizing the constrained resources, and the potential eligibility for Federal food assistance programs, of members of those populations;

(iii) describe how the State agency shall use an electronic reporting system to—

- (I) measure and evaluate the projects; and
- (II) account for the allowable State agency administrative costs including for—
 - (aa) salaries and benefits of State agency personnel;
 - (bb) office supplies and equipment;
 - (cc) travel costs;
 - (dd) development and production of nutrition education materials;
 - (ee) memberships, subscriptions, and professional activities;
 - (ff) lease or rental costs;
 - (gg) maintenance and repair expenses;
 - (hh) indirect costs; and
 - (ii) cost of using publicly-owned building space; and
- (iv) conform to standards established by the Secretary through regulations, guidance, or grant award documents.

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