

FY 2016



**Request for Expansion
Funds**

**Senior Farmers' Market
Nutrition Program**



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Fiscal Year 2016**

This section should be completed only if a State agency operated a Federally-funded SFMNP in fiscal year (FY) 2015. If a State agency is requesting an increase in Federal funds above its base grant, the expansion request should be consistent with expanding benefits to more participants or by enhancing current benefits, or a combination of both, and increasing the consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding, developing, or aiding in the development and expansion of farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs. Generally, to be eligible for expansion funds, a State agency must **1) have utilized at least 80 percent of its prior year food grant, and 2) provide documentation supporting the expansion request.** A State agency that did not spend at least 80 percent of its prior year food grant may still be eligible for expansion funds if, in the judgment of FNS, a good cause existed for the lower expenditure rate (§249.14 (e)(1-2)).

Contingent upon the availability of funds and the justification provided to FNS, expansion requests will be granted as early in the fiscal year as possible.

1. Base Grant amount for FY 2016 (this is your final FY 2015 grant amount):
\$446,530.
1. Amount of expansion funds requested (additional Federal funds above your FY 2016 base grant in item number 1): \$60,000.
2. Estimated amount and percent of Federal SFMNP food funds spent by the State agency during FY 2015: \$369,727 and the percentage: 92%.

3. Briefly describe the reason(s) for requesting funds to expand the SFMNP, including any supporting documentation. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Of our 25 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) in Virginia, SFMNP is only implemented in 11 agencies. In those 11 agencies, only 5 are able to offer the program to residents of all localities served by the AAA.

There are many other areas of the state that would like to participate in the program as evidenced by numerous requests from seniors, farmers, AAAs, public officials, concerned citizens, and family members of seniors.

For 2016, we would like to request \$60,000 in expansion funds to be used as follows:

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Southside – all localities served by Southern AAA

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Halifax or adjoining area served by Lake Country AAA

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Emporia served by the City of Emporia

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Wise County or adjoining area served by Mountain Empire Older Citizens

\$10,800 to serve 300 additional participants in Prince Edward County or adjoining area served by Piedmont Senior Resources

\$6,000 Additional admin funds (10%)

4. Number of additional participants above the previous year's level the State agency hopes to serve with the expansion funds: 1500
5. Number of additional farmers' market sites, roadside stands, CSA programs, and local agencies (e.g., Area Agencies on Aging or CSFP) the State agency anticipates authorizing:

<u>3</u>	New farmers' market sites
<u>0</u>	New roadside stand locations
<u>N/A</u>	New CSA programs
<u>0</u>	New local agencies
<u>N/A</u>	New bulk purchase locations

6. If the State agency intends to increase the benefit level with expansion funds, what will be the benefit level after expansion?

For participants at markets and roadside stands N/A

For participants in CSA programs N/A

For participants in bulk purchase programs N/A

7. Briefly describe the State agency's administrative capacity to manage the requested increase in SFMNP caseload effectively.

The increased case load will fall mainly on the local AAAs. In most cases, because they have been processing applications and establishing waiting lists, the AAAs have the capacity to expand by the amounts requested without undue burden. The AAAs receive administrative funds which do not cover all administrative costs but are helpful in defraying some of the expense involved with the increased workload.

VDACS has been consulted on which localities it is feasible to expand into without undue burden on the marketing specialists. The locations mentioned for expansion were selected because they adjoin areas that already have farmers and farmers' markets that are potentially eligible vendors.