**Statement of Purpose**

The Texas Local Food Purchase Assistance (TLFPA) is being established to maintain and improve Texas’ food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.

Goals:

* Foster in-state, long-term relationships and build sustainable market opportunities for State producers, with an emphasis on supporting small and socially disadvantaged producers to increase the amount of products distributed to underserved populations in the state.
* TDA aims to tailor food distribution for unique local challenges to serve the population and feeding programs, including food banks, and other organizations that target underserved communities.

Objectives:

* Support and strengthen the local and regional food system by building and enhancing relationships between community organizations and food businesses.
* Support food distribution through new distribution sites to meet the population’s diverse, cultural preferences in underserved communities.
* Procure culturally relevant food for the diverse communities in the state.

**Outcomes and Indicators**

The outcomes and indicators evaluate the program’s success according to the goals above. All applicants must establish a target baseline and identify how they will meet outcome indicators. Grant Recipients will be required to report on these outcomes throughout the term of the grant.

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| **Outcome and Indicator #**  | **Baseline/Estimated number** | **How did you derive the estimated numbers?** |
| **Outcome 1: Provide an opportunity for organizations to strengthen their local and regional food system and to support local and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers through building and expanding economic opportunities.**  |
| **1.a.** Total number of local producers/vendors that are expected to participate in the program. |       |       |
| **1.b.** Of the number in 1.a., the number of producers/vendors that are socially disadvantaged |       |       |
| **1.c.** Total dollars expected to be expended to purchase local and regional food through this program |       |       |
| **1.d.** Of the number in 1.c, how many dollars will be expended to purchase food from socially disadvantaged producers/vendors |       |       |
| **Outcome 2: Establish and broaden partnerships with farmers/producers and the food distribution community to ensure the distribution of fresh and nutritious foods to underserved communities.** |
| **2.a.** Provide an estimate of the total number of dollars expected to be expended. |       |       |
| **2.b.** Of the numbers in 2.a., Provide an estimate of the total number of dollars expected to be expended and to underserved communities. |       |       |
| **2.c.** Provide an estimate of the number of locations expected to distribute food. |       |       |
| **2.d.** Of the locations in 2.c., how many do you expect to be to underserved communities? |       |       |
| **Outcome 3: Final Report – Program Outcomes** |
| *New Markets in Local and Regional Farmers/Producers:* |
| **3.a.** Percentage of new marketing opportunities established by purchasing from local and regional farmers/producers.  |       |       |
| **3.b.** Of the number in 3.a., what percentage will likely be sustained after the funding is expended? |       |       |
| *New Markets in Socially Disadvantaged Farmers/Producers:* |
| **3.c.** Percentage of new marketing opportunities established by purchasing from socially disadvantaged farmers/producers  |       |       |
| **3.b.** Of the number in 3.c, what percentage will likely be sustained after the funding is expended? |       |       |
| *New Markets in Serving Underserved Communities:* |
| **3.e.** Percentage of purchases distributed beyond current food distribution networks to serve underserved communities. |       |       |
| **3.f.** Of the number in 3.e., what percentage will likely be sustained after the funding is expended?  |       |       |
| **Outcome 4: Food Diversity** |
| **4.** Procure culturally relevant food for the diverse communities in the state. |       |       |