

# Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

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## Purpose of the Program

- Designed to introduce and educate children about fresh fruits and vegetables



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- Provides children in participating schools with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day
- Effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and veg as healthy snack options
- Encourages schools to develop partnerships at state/local level for support in implementing and operating the program

This is a competitive grant program – not guaranteed participation

- Complete an application & submit to SA
- Be an elementary school (K-8)
- Participate in NSLP (*must have participated in the prior year, so the SA has data*)
- Represent the highest percentage of students certified for free/red price benefits



## What Schools Must Do as FFVP Recipient

- Make free FFV available to all enrolled children at least twice per week
- Provide FFV only during the school day
- Not before or after school
- Not during summer school
- Must be served outside the NSLP/SBP meal periods
- Have documented Support of the CND, principal, and Superintendent



# Make an effort to publicize program & consumption

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## You MUST publicize the program

- Widely publicize within the school the availability of free FFV
  - What - FFVP
  - When – Days/times you serve
  - How – are the FFV snacks distributed
  - Who – all enrolled students 8<sup>th</sup> grade and below
  - Cost – FREE!

**Failure to publicize FFVP is a very common finding of non-compliance during an AR!**



## Critical component of FFVP

- For some students, FFVP may be first exposure to FRESH fruits/veg
- School should provide education using a variety of methods depending on grade level
- Consult with FFVP partners to obtain no-cost nutrition education items
- **FFVP does NOT allow the purchase of Nutrition Education Materials (FFVP Handbook, pg. 20-21)**



## Things to Remember

- Develop NE that fits your students' needs
- Use FREE resources and education materials
- Website are valuable resources
- Integrate Activities into the regular classroom lesson Plans





## There are certain things you can't do with FFVP

- Admin costs capped at 10%
- Can't serve High School Kids
- Can't serve during Lunch/Breakfast
- **Can't serve any fruit dips**
- Can't serve full fat veggie dip (low or no fat ranch would be allowed)
- Can't serve cooked fruits/veg, unless there is some sort of NE component and could only do this once a week



## Underutilization

- Make sure that the 1<sup>st</sup> allotment (17%) July-September is spent
- Underutilized funds must submit a CAP
- **Equipment:**
- When purchasing equipment you must complete a change to original plan/ equipment justification form
- If equipment will be used with another program the cost has to be pro-rated





- Make sure that the date is entered
- Type of produce, pounds cases, each etc., served
- Leftover used, stored, discarded and comments if needed

## FFV fund code 2112

- **Claims must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month**
- FFV invoices must be submitted monthly to ensure the claim is paid in a timely manner
- Fuel surcharges are allowable and reimbursable





## Can the Teachers consume FFVP?

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- Teachers can consume FFV, if they are modeling good eating habits in the classroom
- Must be limited to only those teachers handing out the FFVP in the classroom setting
- Leftovers should NOT be shared with other faculty or taken home
- Leftovers SHOULD be returned to the cafeteria and recorded in the FFVP production book (discarded or stored)

## Online Resources

- FFVP Handbook

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/ffvp/fresh-fruits-and-vegetable-program-handbook-schools>

- Team Nutrition

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/graphics-library>

- USDA's ChooseMyPlate.gov





# Questions?

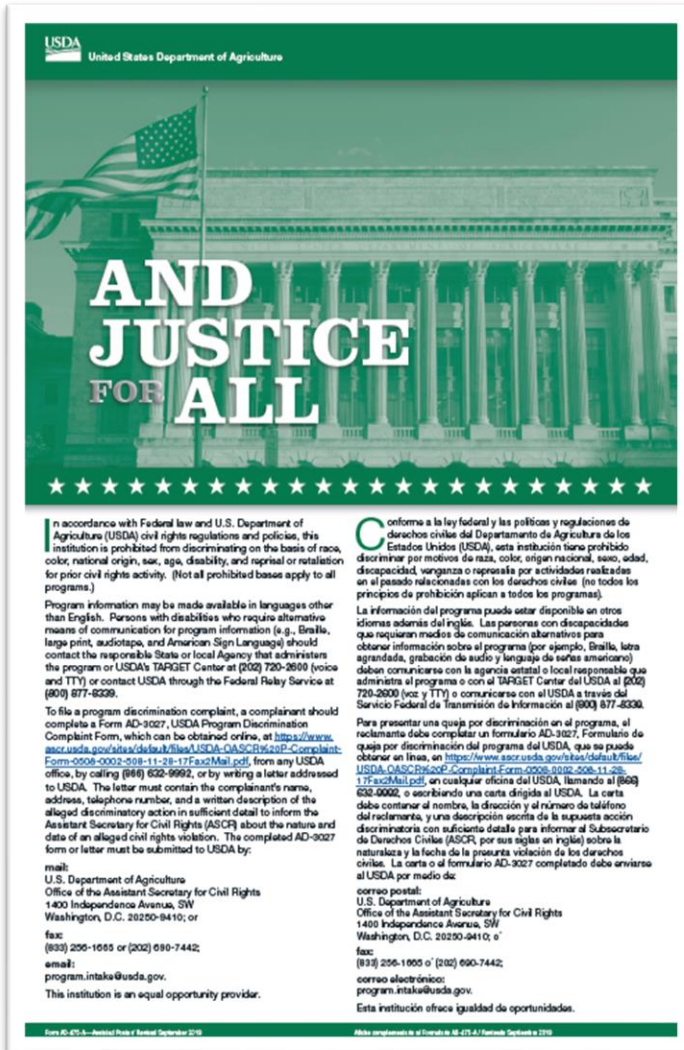
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