

Waiver Request for Maximum Meals Served Per Site by Sponsors Operating SSO and SFSP in FY2021

1. State agency submitting waiver request and responsible State agency staff contact information:

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- 2. Region: USDA Southwest Region
- **3.** Program operator(s) participating in waiver and affirmation that they are in good standing:

Utah Food Bank is a sponsor in good standing.

4. Description of the challenge the State agency is seeking to solve.

Utah Food Bank works collaboratively with the Salt Lake City School District and the Salt Lake Education Foundation to provide several forms of food assistance to children and their families in the district. During the 2020-2021 school year, this partnership has been operating under a waiver to allow for breakfast, lunch, and supper meals at several SLCSD sites. Current waivers do not allow for this to continue into the summer months.

Our goal is to continue the structure we have operated during the school meal (of breakfast, lunch, and supper meals at the effected sites) throughout the summer months, with the expected outcome of nutritious meals continuing to be served year- round to this vulnerable population.

5. Specific Program requirements to be waived (include statutory and regulatory citations):

The regulatory citation requested to be waived is maximum number of meals per site per day noted in 7CFR225.16(3)(b)(i-ii) and is also referenced in USDA guidance memo SP09-2017. **Question #16 [New] Can a location serve as both an SSO site and an SFSP site?** A sponsor cannot serve both SSO and SFSP at one site, on the same day. It is not the intent of the programs to be used in conjunction, but rather a sponsor should choose the program that is most compatible with the needs of the site. Sponsors should refer to the Seamless Summer and Other Options for Schools Web site to help select the meal service that is most appropriate for each site at <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/seamless-summerand-other-options-schools</u>.

6. Detailed description of alternative procedures and anticipated impact on Program operations, including technology, State systems, and monitoring:

Utah Food Bank has already adjusted out internal procedures to implement this program during the school year, and would be prepared to continue these adjustments throughout the summer as well with little to not additional work required. Monitoring and reporting will continue in the same manner.

7. Description of any steps the State has taken to address regulatory barriers at the State level:

Based upon our conversations with our contacts at the relevant State agencies, there are no Statelevel regulatory barriers regarding this issue.

8. Anticipated challenges State or eligible service providers may face with the waiver implementation:

Utah Food Bank does not anticipate any challenges arising as a result of implementing this waiver. We have the capacity and ability to swiftly meet this need, and conversations with Salt Lake City School District have ensured they are also capable of meeting any requirements.

9. Description of how the waiver will not increase the overall cost of the Program to the Federal Government. If there are anticipated increases, confirm that the costs will be paid from non-Federal funds.

This waiver is not expected to increase federal costs beyond what is already in place for implementation of the school-year versions of these programs.

10. Anticipated implementation date and time period:

The time period for which these programs would operate is summer 2021, from June 1, 2021 through September 1, 2021.

11. Proposed monitoring and review procedures:

Utah Food Bank anticipates continuing to monitor our implementation of this program and report to the State agencies and staff as we do for non-waiver implementations of this program.

12. Proposed reporting requirements (include type of data and due dates(s) to FNS):

Utah Food Bank will report to the State Agency the following, in preparation for them reporting to USDA no later than November 1, 2021:

- Number of sites provided for under this waiver
- Number of meals served at waiver-effected sites

Link to or a copy of the public notice informing the public about the proposed waiver [Section 12(1)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA]: A copy of this document is available on Utah Food Bank's website on the Kids Cafe page, <u>https://www.utahfoodbank.org/programs/kids-cafe/</u>

14. Signature and title of requesting official:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY FNS REGIONAL OFFICE:

FNS Regional Offices are requested to ensure the questions have been adequately addressed by the State agency and formulate an opinion and justification for a response to the waiver request based on their knowledge, experience and work with the State.

Date request was received at Regional Office:

□ Check this box to confirm that the State agency has provided public notice in accordance with Section 12(l)(1)(A)(ii) of the NSLA

• Regional Office Analysis and Recommendations: