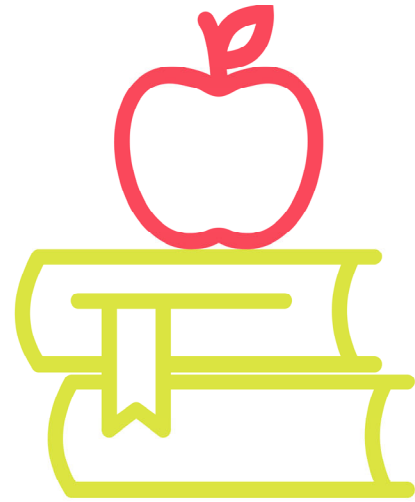


Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds



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Overview

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- Dates and Deadlines
- Recordkeeping
- FAQs

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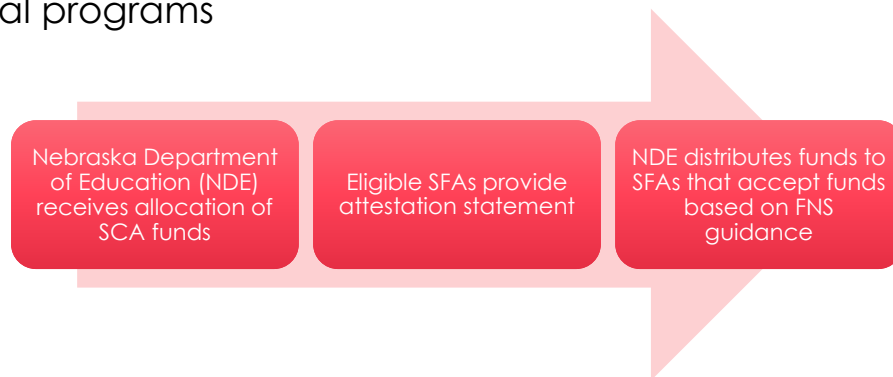
What are Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds?

- Additional food purchasing funds to address supply chain issues and increased costs
- Funds used exclusively on unprocessed and minimally processed domestic foods
- Policy: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/allocation-supply-chain-assistance-funds>

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Who is eligible to receive SCA funding?

- School Food Authorities (SFAs) that operate the school meal programs



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State Agency Funding Calculations

- NDE received approximately \$1.5 million dollars to distribute to SFAs
- NDE will distribute quickly in order to achieve goal of providing immediate assistance

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Local Level Funding Calculations

- Eligible SFAs can accept funding that was based on a predetermined formula:
 - \$5,000 per school, and
 - Additional funds based on # of students in schools that participate in school meals program
- NDE used October 2021 SFA-level enrollment data to determine local level funding



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Funding Reallocation

- If SCA funds not entirely used, a second distribution may allow schools to received reallocated funds
- Reallocation must be finalized by September 30, 2023
- Additional information about reallocation provided at a later time



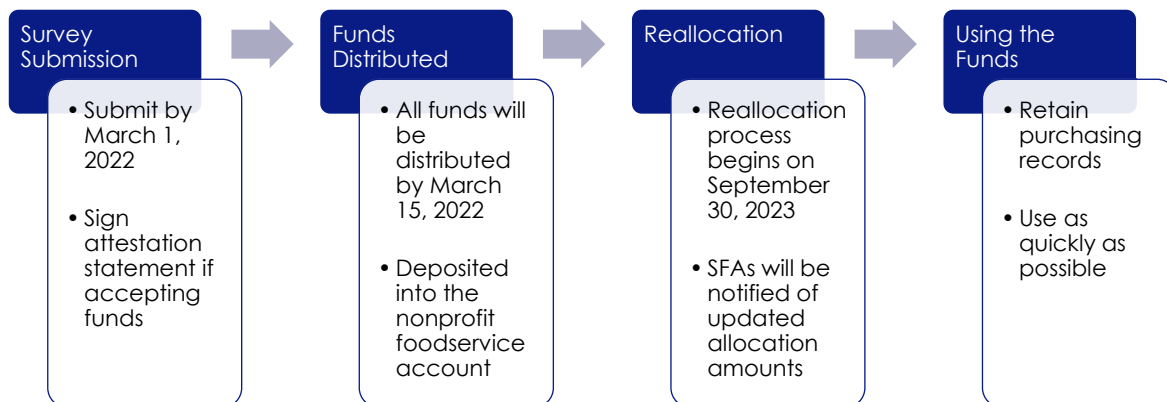
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Accept or Decline Funds

- All SFAs eligible to receive SCA funds will receive a Qualtrics survey link via email
 - Link will be sent later this week
 - Identical link sent to Authorized Representative and Claim Contact
- Can accept or decline funds
 - If accepting funds, must sign attestation statement
 - **Survey must be submitted by March 1, 2022**

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Dates and Deadlines



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Use of Funds

- SCA funds must be used for the purchase of unprocessed or minimally processed domestic foods

Acceptable Purchases	Unacceptable Purchases
Fluid milk, cheese, yogurt	Pre-made pizzas
Fruits and vegetables (including 100% juices)	Breads, muffins, or crackers
Grain products (pastas, rice, flours)	Pre-packaged sandwiches or meals
Meats (whole, pieces, ground)	Chicken nuggets
Meat alternates (beans, legumes)	Cereal

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Procurement & Recordkeeping

- Follow usual procurement requirements
- Retain purchase and other related records for four years
- Provide to the NDE only if asked, during Administrative or Procurement Review

Example: Receive \$7,500 in SCA funds; be able to produce \$7,500 in invoices for unprocessed/minimally processed foods used in school meals

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SFAs with Food Service Management Companies (FSMC)

- Use SCA funds to pay invoices
- SFA ensure FSMC purchased unprocessed/minimally processed foods for meals served
- Invoices available when requested by NDE/USDA
- SFAs purchase allowable food items outside of their food service management contract, contract permitting

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SFAs with Vendor Agreements

- Use SCA funds to pay meal vendor invoices
- SFA ensure meals contain/provide unprocessed/minimally processed foods
- NOT ok to hand SCA funds over to the SFA providing meals
- SFAs purchase allowable food items outside of their food service management contract, contract permitting

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HJO is this info necessary with it just applying to those with FSMCs?

Hilligoss, Jenna, 2022-02-09T20:15:26.620

KPO 0 yes, needed.

Kayte Partch, 2022-02-22T14:54:26.461

SFAs with Vendor Agreements, cont'd

Example: SFA 1 gives all reimbursement to SFA 2 that serves as vendor; no staff time or other costs to school meals

SFA 1 can accept funds and use them for additional USDA meals/snacks (breakfast, afterschool snack), or additional fruits and vegetables served with meals received from SFA 2 (vendor school)



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FAQ: Can food products purchased with SCA funds be served at any time?

- **NO.** SCA funds can be used only to support the service of
 - National School Lunch Program (NSLP/SSO)
 - School Breakfast Program (SBP/SSO)
 - NSLP Afterschool Snacks

- **No FFVP items**

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FAQ: Can funds be used on labor, supplies, or administrative expenses?

- **NO.** SCA funds can only be used for the purchase of unprocessed or minimally processed *domestic* foods
- **Incidental costs that are part of the purchase price charged by a vendor ARE allowable**
 - Incidental costs include shipping, handling and packaging



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FAQ: Do SCA funds have to be tracked separately?

- **NO.** Put SCA funds into NPFSA
- SFAs must maintain documentation of how the SCA funds used for domestic, unprocessed/minimally processed food products totaling the funds provided.
- IRL: SFA received \$10,500 SCA funds → show me \$10,500 minimally/unprocessed food items were purchased since receiving SCA funds



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FAQ: Are SFAs required to accept SCA funds?

- **NO.** SFA's can decline SCA funding
- If an SFA does not accept their allocation, those funds will become available for reallocation by NDE



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FAQ: Can I accept SCA funds if my school has net cash resources?

- **YES.** SFA's can accept SCA funding even with NCR
- Eligibility for SCA funds isn't impacted by NCR (food service account balance > 3 months' expenditures)



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FAQ: Can my school accept less than its full SCA allocation?

- **YES.** SFA's can accept less than funding amount you'll see in your survey.
- Identify a lesser amount in the available text box/answer.




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FAQ: What is the deadline to use the SCA funds?

- Ideally used within two years
- Intent is to use ASAP to address supply chain & pricing issues with school menu items





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Questions

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