



Kansas Healthy Food Initiative Predevelopment Technical Assistance Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

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This document will be updated as additional questions are received.

Will you provide feedback to applicants who were not selected for funding?

Yes, we will offer written feedback to applicants who were not selected, allowing them to strengthen their applications for future rounds.

Is funding available only for projects in Kansas?

Yes, funding is exclusively available for projects located within Kansas.

Are large national chains eligible for this grant program?

The intent of this grant program is to support independent and locally owned entities. As such, large national chains are not eligible for funding.

Do I already need to know who I want to hire to complete predevelopment activities?

While not required, it is highly recommended that projects have already identified the individual(s) or firm(s) they wish to hire using grant funds. Additional points are available to applicants who have completed this step. For example, if a project is applying for funds to complete architectural renderings, ideally the project has already obtained quotes from an architectural firm.

Are there known consultants who could complete predevelopment activities?

The North American Food Systems Network has created a database of food systems consultants that could be a good starting point. You can filter by area of expertise: www.foodsystemsconsultants.org. Another option would be to ask other grocery stores or other resource providers like the Small Business Development Center if they know of individuals with the expertise you're looking for.

My project delivers healthy food to several outlets. What location should I include in my application?

If your project involves multiple locations, please share all locations in your application. For instance, a distributor that delivers food to grocery stores should include the location of their warehouse and locations of the grocery stores they serve. We will check "low-resource" and "underserved" criteria for those locations and use this in determining eligibility.

If we are awarded funding in Round One, can we apply for further funding in Round Two?

Projects may receive only one predevelopment technical assistance grant award in 2025.

Can funds be used for predevelopment activities that support the expansion of agricultural production or processing?

Production and processing activities are not eligible for funding. In addition, predevelopment activities related to the expansion of production or processing are not eligible. Producers can still apply to this



program if their proposed projects align with programmatic goals. For example, a producer may be interested in opening a retail outlet or they may be interested in starting a distribution company. Those types of projects would be eligible for this program.

I have more questions about my specific project. Who should I contact?

Please email khfi@k-state.edu and we will be happy to answer questions about your specific project.