

FFP Summary of Changes for FY 2019 APS

Overall Summary

For the Fiscal Year 2019 International Emergency Food Assistance Annual Program Statement (FY 2019 APS), Food for Peace has focused on a few key content areas including strengthening of language on gender and youth, emphasizing client responsiveness in design, and overhauling the monitoring and evaluation requirements. FFP has also made some adjustments that we hope will make the application process a little more user-friendly, and updated the format and terms for purposes of consistency with agency policy. This summary is not an exhaustive list of all changes but attempts to identify those that may be of particular interest to the community.

SECTION A PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Attempted to clarify language stating that majority of award costs should be value going directly to participants.
- Updated and expanded upon language related to Essential Complementary Activities, including additions to the illustrative list of activities.
- Added guidance on applying for Multipurpose Cash.
- Simplified the explanatory text stating that the resources going directly to participants will constitute the majority of total proposed costs and clarified that any applications that exceed this threshold will be subject to additional budget scrutiny.

SECTION B: FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

- Removed language on ceiling for EFSP awards.
- Added language reserving the right to make awards in the form of cooperative agreement in addition to grants.

SECTION C: ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- No major changes.

SECTION D: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION

- Added language clarifying pre-award contact expectations under competitive and non-competitive processes.
- The Activity Overview Table will now be submitted separately as an Excel-compatible spreadsheet.
 - FFP will post a sample template on our website.
 - Cost Per Beneficiary will no longer be included in the table.
- Concept Paper:

- Concept evaluation criteria moved to Section E: Application Review Information.
- Re-formatted Objectives section and added clarifying language on Essential Complementary Activities.
- Added language under Cost Efficiency section stating that costs borne by program participants should be factored into modality decision-making.
- Technical Application, Activity Design and Description:
 - Updated Participants section and split it into two sub-sections:
 - Targeting, Selection, and Eligibility Verification Methodology
 - Social Dynamics
 - Added clarifying language on Essential Complementary Activities.
- Technical Application, Operations and Logistics:
 - Added language under Delivery Mechanism on burden to participants and on adjusting for inflation.
- Technical Application, Risk Assessment:
 - Added Protection Risk Assessment as a separate requirement from what FFP is now calling the Organizational Risk Assessment. This is to distinguish between the fiduciary, reputational, security, and other risks to the implementing agency and the separate but no less important risks to participants.
- Technical Application, Monitoring & Evaluation Plan
 - Added “as applicable” nutrition indicators
 - Projects of six months or longer will now require FCS and number of individuals participating in food security programs to be included in the Logframe.
 - Projects of 12 months or longer will require a baseline study and final evaluation; of FCS, rCSI, and HHS are to be collected during baseline and endline survey data collection.
 - Added guidance on sampling and data collection methods.
 - Added requirement to submit a data management plan.
 - Added requirement to submit indicator reference sheets within 90 days of award.
- General Content and Form of Application
 - Adjusted language so that all tables and charts may be submitted in 8 or 10 point Times New Roman font
- Technical Application Format, Activity Summary and Objective:
 - Removed specific reference to minimum expenditure basket.
- Technical Application Format, Modality Rationale:
 - Added clarifying language on the meaning of Know Your Customer requirements under Feasibility sub-section.
 - Enhanced language on inclusion under Objectives sub-section.
- Technical Application Format, Operations and Logistics:
 - Clarified that Cash for Work rates should align to any coordinated response-specific standards in country under Distribution Methods

- Technical Application Format, Protection Risk Assessment
 - Added Inventory Oversight sub-section to include a description of size and environmental conditions of any warehouse operations to be used in the implementation of the program.
- Technical Application Format, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan
 - Simplified explanation of reporting on specific modalities and nutrition interventions.

SECTION E: APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

- Moved from before application narrative to after application narrative.
- Added a sixth concept paper evaluation criterion: “Applicant’s design is conceptually sound and aligns with the broader humanitarian response strategy in country”.

SECTION F: FEDERAL AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

- No major changes.

SECTION G: FEDERAL AWARDED AGENCY CONTACT(S)

- No major changes.

SECTION H: OTHER INFORMATION

- Added language on mandatory disclosure of sexual exploitation and abuse and mandatory disclosure of violations of federal law related to fraud, bribery, and gratuity.