



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.10.

12/7/2021

Subject:

Approval, Re: Agreement with Feeding Florida, Fresh Access Bucks Program at the Brevard County Farmers Markets

Fiscal Impact:

The membership fee paid is based on the amount of Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) redeemed. It is expected that the fee will be \$1000 to \$1200. This amount is covered by revenue from the farmers market. Fund/Cost Center: 0001 200810

Dept/Office:

UF/Extension Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Fresh Access Bucks Strategic Partnership Agreement with Feeding Florida, Inc. and authorize the County Manager to execute necessary Budget Change Requests.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Brevard County Farmers Markets, located at Wickham Park and Titusville Welcome Center have been participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Aid Program (SNAP) and working with the Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) program since 2013. Customers using SNAP dollars at the market have their purchases matched dollar for dollar through the FAB program. This match has been unlimited since July 2020 and will return to its regular match of \$40 per customer per market day on January 1, 2022. By offering the SNAP program and FAB match, low-income families have better access to local nutritious foods at a location that most perceive is too expensive for them. This in turn supports our local farmers and producers and the local economy overall.

Feeding Florida, the agency through which our FAB grant runs though, has received a second USDA grant (GusRR) in response to COVID, which runs congruently with the original USDA FINI grant. This additional grant will fund and sustain the FAB nutrition incentive program for another four years. As it is an additional grant, FAB is required by the USDA to have a separate annual contract on file with partnering organizations.

The original FINI grant was approved by the Board on May 18, 2021.

The membership fee paid is based on the amount of Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) redeemed. In past contracts, this fee was a flat \$1,000 for \$10,000 or more of FAB dollars redeemed. This new contract has a new payment structure, with \$10,000 - \$14,999 redeemed charged a \$1,000 fee and any amount redeemed over \$15,000

being a flat 7% fee. Using the report years prior to 2020-2021, due to the special CARES reimbursement program in the past year, as the normal amount of redemption of FAB, staff projects that the program should remain under the \$15,000 FAB redeemed amount and would therefore maintain the approximate \$1,000 membership fee.

The membership fee is covered by vendor fees charged to the vendors at the market. Vendors perceive value in having the SNAP/FAB program and therefore attend regularly. If this fee schedule was current during the highest FAB redemption years, the vendor fees would be able to cover the membership costs.

In addition to the change in membership fee, there is additional language in the document, namely on preventing SNAP/FAB fraud and reporting requirements and collection of data. These requirements are already in place, but have been spelled out in the new contract.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

A total of three signed, original agreements are needed to return to Feeding Florida for signatures: (1) for Clerk to the Board; (1) for Feeding Florida; and (1) for UF/Extension Services Department.

**BREVARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONTRACT REVIEW AND APPROVAL FORM

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Contractor: Feeding Florida		2. Amount:
3. Fund/Account #: 0001 200810	4. Department Name: UF Extension Service	
5. Contract Description: Fresh Access Bucks Partnership Agreement		
6. Contract Monitor: Lisa Wishe	8. Contract Type:	
7. Dept/Office Director: Elizabeth Shephard	GRANT	
9. Type of Procurement: Other		

SECTION II - REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE

APPROVAL

<u>COUNTY OFFICE</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
User Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Purchasing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
County Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION III - REVIEW AND APPROVAL TO EXECUTE

APPROVAL

<u>COUNTY OFFICE</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
User Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elizabeth Shephard <small>Digitally signed by Elizabeth Shephard Date: 2021.11.18 10:33:28 -05'00'</small>
Purchasing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darling, Steven <small>Digitally signed by Darling, Steven Date: 2021.11.18 12:34:35 -05'00'</small>
Risk Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lairsey, Matt <small>Digitally signed by Lairsey, Matt Date: 2021.11.19 11:28:55 -05'00'</small>
County Attorney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caron, Justin <small>Digitally signed by Caron, Justin Date: 2021.11.19 10:58:07 -05'00'</small>

SECTION IV - CONTRACTS MANAGEMENT DATABASE CHECKLIST

CM DATABASE REQUIRED FIELDS	Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Department Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact Name	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Center, Fund, and G/L Account	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor Information (SAP Vendor #)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Status, Title, Type, and Amount	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage Location (SAP)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Approval Date, Effective Date, and Expiration Date	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Absolute End Date (No Additional Renewals/Extensions)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Material Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Documents Uploaded in CM database (Contract Form with County Attorney/ Risk Management/ Purchasing Approval; Signed/Executed Contract)	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Right To Audit" Clause Included in Contract	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitored items: Uploaded to database (Insurance, Bonds, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>



September 16, 2021

Gayle Orren Whitworth
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Farmers Market
3695 Lake Drive
Cocoa, FL 32926

Dear Ms. Whitworth,

Feeding Florida, Inc. (FF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce a formal approval of your Request for Strategic Partnership in Fresh Access Bucks (FAB). As a FAB Program Partner, your Outlet will join a network of other farmers markets, mobile markets, farm stands, CSAs, and retail settings throughout Florida that work together to help make fresh, locally grown foods more affordable and available to those most in need.

Attached is the Strategic Partner Agreement, please execute this Agreement and return within 20 business days from the date of this letter. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional assistance. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Katie Delaney
FAB Program Director
Feeding Florida
Katie@FeedingFlorida.org



December 8, 2021

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Beth Shephard, University of Florida/Extension Services Director

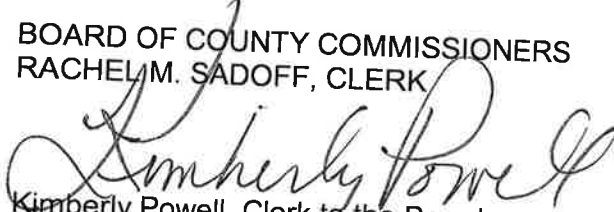
RE: Item F.10., Approval of Agreement with Feeding Florida, Fresh Access Bucks Program at the Brevard County Farmers Markets

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 7, 2021, approved and authorized the Chair to execute the Fresh Access Bucks Strategic Partnership Agreement with Feeding Florida, Inc.; and authorized the County Manager to execute necessary Budget Change Requests. Enclosed are two signed original Agreements.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: County Manager
Finance
Budget



Fresh Access Bucks Strategic Partnership Agreement

This contract between Feeding Florida, Inc. (FF) and Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, dba Brevard County Farmers Market (Program Partner), provides for USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive COVID Relief and Response (GusCRR) grant funds toward the nutrition incentive program, Fresh Access Bucks, at the participating farm-to-retail venues (Outlet) listed in Appendix A. **These grant funds will be in effect through the duration of the calendar year: September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022 or until GusCRR funds are expended or program goals have been completed.**

Program Partner agrees to the following:

1. Program Partner will participate in all aspects of and comply with all actions required by FF in accordance with program standards and the attached Feeding Florida Guidelines.
2. FAB Partner Outlets are required to have functioning EBT equipment to process SNAP benefits. Partner Outlets must provide their FNS number (FNS number is assigned by USDA upon receiving machinery) to FF for grant and reporting purposes.
3. FAB funds will only be matched with SNAP purchases (i.e. Cash, Credit, Debit, other Federal Benefits or currencies are not eligible) that benefit current SNAP shoppers. FAB incentives will only be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables produced by Florida growers or growers within 50 miles of the Florida border.
4. Program Partner agrees to monitor the SNAP and FAB programs according to USDA regulations and will ensure all staff, volunteers and vendors have access to SNAP regulations. If applicable, Program Partner will maintain updated signed vendor contracts that include a punitive provision for accepting SNAP or FAB currency for ineligible items. If a vendor or Program Partner is found to participate in fraudulent SNAP or FAB activity, it is grounds for removal from the SNAP and FAB programs and will be reported to the USDA and the Florida Department of Children and Families.
6. Program Partner will conduct a minimum of 6 distinct SNAP nutrition education events such as chef/cooking demonstrations or taste tests per Outlet, reflected in FM Tracks Post Market Reports and the FAB Annual Report between September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022, or until GusCRR funds are expended or program goals have been completed.

Record Keeping and Reporting: FF requires that the Program Partner either directly or through its Farmers Market management partners, provide to FF, Wholesome Wave and the USDA, a breakdown of SNAP and FAB benefits or incentives honored according to Feeding Florida and USDA's guidelines, as referenced in the Feeding Florida Guidelines.

Evaluation & Participation: FF requires that Program Partner complete a final Annual Report due no later than 30 days following August 31, 2022, or the date at which GusCRR funds are expended and/or program goals have been completed.

Program Partner agrees to attend the FAB Annual Training; participate in regular, monthly FAB network calls and statewide outreach campaigns; and to make use of the FAB banners, flags and signs at market and promotional events, distribute FAB flyers, postcards and other promotional materials provided by FF.

Payment: Program Partner will be reimbursed for redeemed FAB incentives reported in FM Tracks on a weekly basis via direct deposit. FM Tracks data for each week (Monday-Sunday) is due the following Tuesday at 1pm EST. FM Tracks data includes: Transactions, Vendor Reimbursement and Post Market Reports. Program Partner is responsible for submitting FM Tracks data in full and on time to receive payment. Any missed data will be reconciled and reimbursed by FF on a quarterly basis.



To receive payment Program Partner must provide the following:

- Completed W9
- Updated Outlet FNS Number
- Signed Contract and Guidelines with FF updated annually
- Direct Deposit information on file with FF
- Weekly Up-to-Date Data on FM Tracks: Completed Transactions, Vendor Reimbursements, and Post Market Reports

Fresh Access Bucks Membership Program: Program Partners that participate in the Fresh Access Bucks Program are required to pay membership dues annually. FAB Program membership fees are tiered based on the previous year's FAB Incentives redeemed between September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022. Membership fees are due on November 1, 2022 via check or can be paid online to FF in order to remain a member in good standing. FF will hold the final payments due under this contract until all terms have been met. A copy of the Fresh Access Bucks Membership Program is attached for reference.

FAB Redeemed at market	Membership fee due
\$500 - \$1,499	\$50
\$1,500 - \$2,999	\$150
\$3,000 - \$4,999	\$300
\$5,000 - \$7,499	\$500
\$7,500 - \$9,999	\$750
\$10,000 - \$14,999	\$1,000
\$15,000 and above	assessed flat 7% rate

FF will provide Program Partner with a digital promotions package including JPEG version of the FAB logo, as well as collaborators' logo(s), for inclusion in informational and promotional materials. Program Partner agrees to post and distribute such materials as applicable, and agrees to acknowledge its partnership with FF in any public statements or publicity relating to FAB. FF may ask Program Partner to submit any reports and other materials containing FF or FAB logos intended for release to the press for review prior to publication. FF will provide tokens relating to SNAP and FAB as needed.

FF agrees to co-develop a sustainability plan with Program Partner and requests that the Program Partner seek additional local and regional funding in the growth of the Outlet(s). FF requests information and confirmation of additional leveraged funds in support of the Program Partner's innovative programs to widen access to locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables for federal and state nutrition benefit program clients and other low-income community members.

This agreement shall remain in effect through August 31, 2022 or until GusCRR funds are expended or program goals have been completed. Feeding Florida reserves the right to cancel this agreement for non-performance.



Accepted and Agreed by:

Robin Safley

Robin Safley, Executive Director
Feeding Florida

Signature

11.29.21
Date

Print Name, Title & Organization

Signature

Date

Appendix A

Outlet: Farmers' Market, Mobile Market or CSA	City, State	FNS Number
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, dba Brevard County Farmers Market	Melbourne, FL	387323
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, dba Brevard County Farmers Market North	Melbourne, FL	387323

GusCRR Grant Calendar Years	GusCRR Grant Membership Fees Due Dates
Y1 - September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022	Y1 - November 1, 2022
Y2 - September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023	Y1 - November 1, 2023
Y3 - September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024	Y1 - November 1, 2024
Y4 - September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025	Y1 - November 1, 2025

**Feeding Florida FAB Staff
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Meghan Fiveash



Fresh Access Bucks Communications Coordinator

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FEEDING FLORIDA FRESH ACCESS BUCKS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (FAB) MARKET GUIDELINES

Fresh Access Bucks (FAB), an initiative of Feeding Florida (FF), endeavors to provide opportunities to food insecure Florida households by making fresh, Florida grown fruits and vegetables more affordable and accessible through incentives for SNAP participants at the point of purchase at farmers markets, farm stands, mobile markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) statewide. The FAB program provides nutrition incentives through the USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive COVID Relief and Response Grant (GusCRR) grant program. Participating Program Partners (Program Partner) and their farm-to-retail venues (Outlets") agree to adhere to the following FAB Market Guidelines.

FAB Outlets Defined

Farmers Market: Two or more farmer-producers that sell their own agricultural products directly to the general public at a fixed location, which includes fruits and vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, and grains.

CSA: A method utilized by farmer-producers to sell their own agricultural products directly to the general public.

A "share" of the farmer-producer's produce is typically made available or delivered during regular intervals during the harvest season.

Mobile Farmers Market or Mobile Produce Market: A mobile retail strategy that prioritizes the sale of local & regional food. They are able to move to various locations easily to sell the food they have collected from producers.

Farm Stand: Retail stands that sell Florida agricultural products grown or produced by the producer or other area farmers and also sell or offer for sale non-potentially hazardous packaged food products from an approved source. Farm stands may be located on-farm but are not required to be.

General Program Operation

1. FAB funds will be available to SNAP shoppers every day the Outlet is in operation.
2. FAB funds will only be matched with SNAP purchases (i.e. Cash, Credit, Debit, other Federal Benefits or currencies are not eligible).
3. Outlets will match every \$1 in SNAP spent with \$1 in FAB funds, up to \$40 per customer per market day. Match amount limit may be adjusted due to extenuating circumstances to meet emergency needs.
4. SNAP shoppers may double their benefits at multiple FAB Outlets without penalty.
5. FAB funds will only be used to purchase Florida-grown fruits, vegetables, plants and seeds which produce food to eat.
6. Outlets agree to adhere to the following **USDA** (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items>) and **FL DCF** (<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/docs/fafactsheet.pdf>) SNAP eligibility guidelines:
 - SNAP benefits may be spent on breads and cereals, fruits and vegetables, meats, fish and poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants which produce food to eat.
 - SNAP benefits may not be spent on food products that contain alcohol or tobacco, items labeled for pet consumption, vitamins and supplements, and foods sold hot at the point-of-sale.
7. SNAP shoppers cannot receive cash back for purchases made with SNAP or FAB funds. The sale must be for the exact amount of the SNAP or FAB currency (i.e. incentive must be used in full \$1 and \$5 increments), or the shopper can make up the difference with cash. NOTE: It is against federal law to charge a SNAP recipient more than a consumer paying cash.
8. SNAP and FAB currencies do not expire, and can be spent at the Outlet on a future visit. Alternatively, a SNAP shopper can refund back onto their EBT card for any unused SNAP currency.
9. SNAP tokens may only be spent at the FAB Outlet where they were obtained. FAB tokens may be spent at any FAB Outlet regardless of where they were obtained.

SNAP Fraud Prevention

Program Partner agrees to monitor the SNAP program according to USDA regulations and will ensure all staff, volunteers and vendors have access to SNAP regulations. If applicable, Program Partner will maintain updated signed vendor contracts that



include a punitive provision for accepting SNAP or FAB currency for ineligible items. If a vendor or Program Partner is found to participate in fraudulent SNAP or FAB activity, it is grounds for removal from the SNAP and FAB programs.

The USDA takes SNAP fraud very seriously and considers SNAP trafficking a crime which can include criminal investigations, fines up to \$10,000, and up to 5 years of jail time. It is the responsibility of the Program Partner to report any fraudulent activity to the USDA and the Florida Department of Children and Families at the following links:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fraud/how-can-i-report-snap-fraud>

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/public-benefits-integrity/fraud/report-fraud.shtml>

For more information on the USDA's SNAP Fraud prevention protocol visit:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fraud/what-fns-doing-fight-snap-fraud>

Vendor Eligibility and Expectations

1. SNAP and FAB eligible market vendors will agree to the following:
 - Post clearly marked SNAP and FAB signage for eligible products
 - Accept SNAP and FAB tokens for eligible items only
 - Return tokens to Program Partner for reimbursement and sign receipts
 - Review and sign FAB vendor contract on an annual basis. Contracts will include SNAP regulations and a punitive provision for accepting SNAP or FAB currency for ineligible items

FF has provided vendor contract and FAB vendor guideline templates for Program Partner use. Program Partner will distribute vendor contracts, guides and signage to all eligible vendors and ensure their understanding of and compliance with the expectations of the SNAP and FAB programs. Program Partner will retain signed vendor contracts from all participating vendors.

FAB Promotion and Outreach

- Include FAB Logo in all informational and promotional materials (including websites, social media, flyers, documents, etc.)
- Participate in additional statewide program evaluation, as requested
- Participate in statewide outreach campaigns, as applicable
- Use FAB banners, flags and signs at Outlet and promotional events
- Distribute FAB flyers, postcards and other promotional materials provided by FF

Nutrition Education

In addition to increasing the affordability and accessibility of healthy foods, nutrition education efforts at FAB Outlets are integral for SNAP shoppers to have access to recipes and healthy cooking methods that feature seasonal, Florida-grown produce. FF requires Outlets to provide a minimum of 6 distinct SNAP nutrition education events between September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022 or until GusCRR funds are expended or program goals have been completed. FF will provide Program Partner with nutrition education resources.

Feeding Florida's Responsibilities

- Provide resources, technical assistance and training support to Program Partner Outlets
- Provide incentive funding via weekly reimbursement
- Provide promotional support and resources for Partner capacity building and sustainability
- Inform Partners of policy issues impacting farm-direct outlets
- Conduct site visits to Program Partner Outlets
- Monitor FAB program process and evaluate data
- Facilitate monthly networking between FAB partners and one-on-one support
- Provide FAB Training annually; FF will provide Program Partner with the following:
 - Day long training and materials
 - Reimbursement for one hotel room and gas or mileage to and from the training location for one vehicle per



Program Partner based on per diem rates set by the GSA (<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>)

Program Partner Responsibilities

- Manage day-to-day operation of FAB (token distribution, reimbursements, record keeping, promotion)
- Submit FM Tracks data in full on a weekly basis in order to receive incentive reimbursements
- Reimburse vendors, if applicable
- Ensure only fruits & vegetables grown in Florida or within 50 miles of Florida's border are purchased with FAB funds
- Train and monitor staff, volunteers and vendors (if applicable) on SNAP and FAB regulations and procedures
- Notify FAB staff of any Program Partner staff changes
- Provide 6 distinct SNAP nutrition education events such as chef/cooking demonstrations or taste tests reflected in FM Tracks Post Market Reports
- Use FAB marketing materials to promote the FAB program
- Participate in FAB regional calls and Annual FAB Training
- Provide FAB membership payment to Feeding Florida by November 1, 2022

Program Partner Reimbursement Process

1. Program Partner will be reimbursed for redeemed FAB incentives reported in FM Tracks on a weekly basis via direct deposit
2. FM Tracks data for each week (Monday-Sunday) is due the following Tuesday at 1pm EST
3. FM Tracks data includes: Transactions, Vendor Reimbursement and Post Market Reports
4. Program Partner must retain copies of terminal batch reports (EBT machine printouts) for all market days
5. Program Partner is responsible for submitting FM Tracks data in full and on time to receive payment. Failure to have FM Tracks data updated for weekly reimbursement will result in funds being withheld. Any missed data will be reconciled and reimbursed by FF on a quarterly basis
6. Final reimbursement will be withheld until End-of-Season Reporting requirements are fulfilled

FM Tracks Data Collection & Reporting

Outlets will report the following data points for all market days via FM Tracks on Tuesdays at 1pm EST for the previous week's market activity (Monday-Sunday).

Transaction Data

- a. Individual Transactions with total SNAP and FAB distributed
- b. SNAP cardholder's anonymous SNAP ID: First Letter of First and Last Name + Last Four Digits on the SNAP card
- c. SNAP cardholder zip code

Vendor Reimbursement Data

- a. Total SNAP and FAB funds redeemed by each eligible vendor

Post-Market Data

- a. Total number of vendors present (all included – agricultural, craft, prepared food, and other)
- b. Number of vendors eligible to accept SNAP
- c. Number of vendors eligible to accept FAB (i.e. vendors selling Florida-grown fruits, vegetables, plants and seeds which produce food to eat)
- d. Number of paid staff and/or volunteers implementing SNAP/FAB
- e. Nutrition education activities that took place

What is Needed to Receive Funds:

- Completed W9
- Updated Outlet FNS Number
- Signed Contract with FF Updated Annually
- Direct Deposit information on file with FF
- Weekly Up-to-Date Data on FM Tracks: Completed Transactions, Vendor Reimbursements, and Post Market Reports



Fresh Access Bucks In-Kind Support and Membership Program

1. Time and resources the Program Partner provides administering the SNAP and FAB programs will be used as part of FF's in-kind match requirement for the USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive COVID Relief and Response Grant (GusCRR) Program.
2. Program Partners that participate in the Fresh Access Bucks Program are required to pay membership dues annually. FAB Program membership fees are tiered based on the previous year's FAB Incentives redeemed between September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022. Membership fees are due on November 1, 2022 via check or can be paid online to FF in order to remain a member in good standing. FF will hold the final payments due under this contract until all terms have been met. A copy of the Fresh Access Bucks Membership Program is attached for reference.

Annual Report

Program Partner agrees to complete a final Annual Report due no later than 30 days following August 31, 2022, or the date at which GusCRR funds are expended and/or program goals have been completed. All expenses associated with the GusCRR grant, including FF's contribution and Program Partner's in-kind match contributions, must be tracked and included in the Annual Report so that, if requested from USDA, FF can demonstrate that the spending of all these funds was in compliance with the awarded project and USDA rules.

If Program Partner fails to meet the expectations within these Guidelines, Feeding Florida reserves the right to cancel this agreement for non-performance.

By signing this agreement as an authorized Fresh Access Bucks Partner Outlet, I agree to adhere to all expectations of the Fresh Access Bucks Incentive Program, as stated in this agreement.

Print Name, Title: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FL

Signature: _____

Kristine Zonka, Chair

Date: 12/7/21

As approved by the BOCC on December 7, 2021

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency _____

By Assistant County Attorney/Date

Attest: _____

Jason Arthur, Chief Deputy



Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board, 400 South Street • P.O. Box 999, Titusville, Florida 32781-0999

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May 19, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Beth Shephard, University of Florida Extension Services Director

RE: Item F.29., Approval for Agreement with Feeding Florida, Fresh Access Bucks Program at the Brevard County Farmers Markets Located at Wickham Park and the Titusville Welcome Center

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 18, 2021, executed and approved the Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) Strategic Partnership Agreement with Feeding Florida, Inc.; and authorized the County Manager to execute any necessary Budget Change Requests. Enclosed are the executed Agreements.

Upon execution by all parties, please return the fully-executed Agreement to this office for inclusion in the official minutes.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

Kimberly Powell
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Budget Office
Finance



April 6, 2021

Gayle Orren Whitworth
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County Farmers Market
3695 Lake Drive
Cocoa, FL 32926

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Sincerely,

Mary Hathaway
FAB Program Manager
Feeding Florida
Mary@FeedingFlorida.org

Katie Delaney
FAB Program Manager
Feeding Florida
Katie@FeedingFlorida.org



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Evaluation & Participation: FF requires that Program Partner staff complete a final Annual Report, a copy of which is attached for reference, due no later than 30 days following **June 1, 2022, or the date at which FINI funds are expended and/or program goals have been completed.**

Program Partner agrees to attend the FAB Annual Training and participate in regular, monthly regional calls, statewide outreach campaigns and to make use of the FAB tent and banner at market and promotional events, distribute FAB flyers, postcards and other promotional materials provided by FF.

Payment: Program Partner will be supported by funds outlined below in the FAB Outlet Incentive Budget. Funds will be distributed on a weekly basis via direct deposit based on vendor reimbursement data reported in FM Tracks. **Please note: Individual Transactions, Vendor Reimbursement, and Post Market Reports must be completed in full on a weekly basis, or otherwise, as agreed upon by FF and the Program Partner.**

To receive payment Program Partner must provide the following:

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- Updated Outlet FNS Number;
- Signed Contract and Guidelines with FF updated annually;



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FAB Redeemed at market	Membership fee due
\$500 - \$1,499	\$50
\$1,500 - \$2,999	\$150
\$3,000 - \$4,999	\$300
\$5,000 - \$7,4999	\$500
\$7,500 - \$9,999	\$750
\$10,000 and above	\$1,000

FF shall provide the Program Partner with a JPEG version of the FAB logo, as well as collaborators' logo(s), for inclusion in informational and promotional materials. The Program Partner agrees to post and distribute such material as applicable, and agrees to acknowledge its partnership with FF in any public statements or publicity relating to FAB. FF may ask Program Partner to submit for review any reports and other materials containing FF or FAB logos intended for release to the press prior to publication. FF will provide tokens relating to SNAP and FAB as needed.

FF agrees to co-develop a tailored sustainability plan with Program Partner and requests that the Program Partner seek additional local and regional funding in the growth of the Outlet(s). FF requests information and confirmation of additional leveraged funds in support of the Program Partner's innovative programs to widen access to locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables for federal and state nutrition benefit program clients and other low-income community members.

This agreement shall remain in effect through May 31, 2022 or until FINI funds are expended or program goals have been completed. Feeding Florida reserves the right to cancel this agreement for non-performance.



Accepted and Agreed by:

Robin Safley

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Robin Safley, Executive Director
Feeding Florida

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Signature

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Date

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Print Name, Title & Organization

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Signature

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Date

Appendix A

Outlet: Farmers' Market, Mobile Market or CSA	City, State	FNS Number
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, dba Brevard County Farmers Market	Melbourne, FL	387323
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, dba Brevard County Farmers Market North	Melbourne, FL	387323

FINI Grant Calendar Year	FINI Grant Membership Fees Due Dates
Extension Year - June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022 or until FINI funds are expended or program goals have been completed	Extension Year - 90 days after FINI funds have been expended or program goals have been completed

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Feeding Florida
Fresh Access Bucks Strategic Partnership Agreement in Fresh Access Bucks (FAB)
June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

ATTEST:

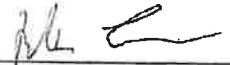
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FL


By: Rachel M. Sadoff Date 5/21/21


Rita Pritchett, Chair

As approved by the BOCC on: _____

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency:

 4/9/2021
By Assistant County Attorney/Date

FEEDING FLORIDA FRESH ACCESS BUCKS INCENTIVE PROGRAM (FAB) MARKET GUIDELINES

Fresh Access Bucks (FAB), an initiative of Feeding Florida (FF), endeavors to provide opportunities to food insecure Florida households by making fresh, Florida grown fruits and vegetables more affordable and accessible through incentives for SNAP participants at the point of purchase at farmers markets, farm stands, mobile markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) statewide. Participating Program Partners and their farm-to-retail venues (Outlets") agree to adhere to the following FAB Market Guidelines.

FAB Outlets Defined

Farmers Market : Two or more farmer-producers that sell their own agricultural products directly to the general public at a fixed location, which includes fruits and vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, and grains.

CSA : A method utilized by farmer-producers to sell their own agricultural products directly to the general public.

A "share" of the farmer-producer's produce is typically made available or delivered during regular intervals during the harvest season.

Mobile Farmers Market or Mobile Produce Market : A mobile retail strategy that prioritizes the sale of local & regional food. They are able to move to various locations easily to sell the food they have collected from producers.

Farm Stand : Retail stands that sell Florida agricultural products grown or produced by the producer or other area farmers and also sell or offer for sale non-potentially hazardous packaged food products from an approved source. Farm stands may be located on-farm but are not required to be.

General Program Operation

1. FAB funds will be available to SNAP shoppers every day the Outlet is in operation.
2. FAB funds will only be matched with SNAP purchases (i.e. Cash, Credit, Debit, other Federal Benefits or currencies are not eligible).
3. Outlets will match every \$1 in SNAP spent with \$1 in FAB funds, up to \$40 per customer per market day. Match amount limit may be adjusted due to extenuating circumstances to meet emergency needs.
4. SNAP shoppers may double their benefits at multiple FAB Outlets without penalty.
5. FAB funds will only be used to purchase Florida-grown fruits, vegetables, plants and seeds which produce food to eat.
6. Outlets agree to adhere to the following USDA (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items>) and FL DCF (<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/docs/factsheet.pdf>) SNAP eligibility guidelines:
 - SNAP benefits may be spent on breads and cereals, fruits and vegetables, meats, fish and poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants which produce food to eat.
 - SNAP benefits may not be spent on food products that contain alcohol or tobacco, items labeled for pet consumption, vitamins and supplements, and foods sold hot at the point-of-sale.
7. SNAP shoppers cannot receive cash back for purchases made with SNAP or FAB funds. The sale must be for the exact amount of the SNAP or FAB currency (i.e. incentive must be used in full \$1 and \$5 increments), or the shopper can make up the difference with cash. NOTE: It is against federal law to charge a SNAP recipient more than a consumer paying cash.
8. SNAP and FAB tokens do not expire. The SNAP shopper can refund back onto his/her EBT card for unused SNAP currency or they can be used at the Outlet on a future date.
9. Fresh Access Bucks tokens can be spent at any FAB Outlet regardless of where it was obtained.



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Issuing SNAP benefits and FAB benefits to SNAP Shoppers

1. Visit the SNAP/EBT booth at the FAB Outlet before they shop.
2. Swipe SNAP card and has SNAP funds converted to tokens in \$1 and \$5 increments. SNAP tokens are matched with green FAB tokens, up to \$40 per market day.
3. Exchange SNAP tokens for SNAP eligible items and FAB tokens good toward Florida-grown fruits, vegetables, plants and seeds which produce food to eat with participating vendors around the market.

Program Partner Responsibilities

- Manage day-to-day operation of FAB (token distribution, reimbursements, record keeping, promotion)
- Use FM Tracks to report market data
- Input market distribution and redemption data by Tuesday following market date into FM Tracks
- Reimburse vendors
- Ensure only fruits & vegetables grown in Florida or within 50 miles of Florida's border are purchased with FAB funds
- Train staff on rules and procedures
- Keep FAB Managers up to date and aware of any Program Partner staff changes
- Provide 6 distinct SNAP nutrition education events such as chef/cooking demonstrations or taste tests reflected in FM Tracks Post Market Reports
- Participate in FAB regional calls and at the FAB Training.
- Provide FAB membership payment to Feeding Florida 90 days after FINI funds have been expended or program goals have been completed.

Feeding Florida's Responsibilities

- Provide resources, technical assistance and train market in FAB;
- Provide incentive funding on a reimbursement basis;
- Support market in fundraising & promotional needs for greater capacity and sustainability;
- Inform markets of policy issues affecting farmers markets;
- Conduct site visits;
- Evaluate data;
- Facilitate networking between FAB partners;
- Provide FAB Training annually, FF will provide Program Partner with the following:
 - Day long training and materials
 - Reimbursement for one hotel room and gas or mileage to and from the training location for one vehicle per Program Partner based on per diem rates set by the GSA (<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>).

Program Partner Reimbursement Process

1. Outlets will be reimbursed for redeemed FAB funds automatically by FF on a weekly basis
2. Reimbursement will be based upon FAB vendor redemption data submitted via FM Tracks
3. Outlets will not receive reimbursement until they have:
 - a. Ensured that your market's profile on FM Tracks is up-to-date (Address, Hours of Operation, etc.)
 - b. Submitted - weekly up-to-date market data in FM Tracks
 - c. Retained copies of terminal batch reports (EBT machine printouts) for all market days
4. Failure to have FM Tracks data updated for weekly reimbursement will result in funds being withheld
5. Final reimbursement will be withheld until End-of-Season Reporting requirements are fulfilled

FM Tracks Data Collection & Reporting

Outlets will report the following data points for all market days via FM Tracks on a weekly basis:

Transaction Data

- a. Individual SNAP and FAB Transactions with Anonymous SNAP ID Number: First Letter of First and Last Name + Last Four Digits on the SNAP card.
- b. Total SNAP and FAB Distributed

Vendor Reimbursement Data

- a. Total SNAP and FAB funds redeemed by eligible vendors

Post-Market Data

- a. Total number of vendors present (all included – agricultural, craft, prepared food, and other)
- b. Number of vendors eligible to accept SNAP
- c. Number of vendors eligible to accept FAB (i.e. vendors selling Florida-grown fruits, vegetables, plants and seeds which produce food to eat)
- d. Did any nutrition education activities take place? (Select the activity type)
- e. Number of paid staff and/or volunteers implementing SNAP/FAB

What is Needed to Receive Funds:

- Completed W9;
- Updated Outlet FNS Number;
- Signed Contract with FF Updated Annually;
- Direct Deposit Information on file with FF;
- Weekly Up-to-Date Data on FM Tracks: Completed Transactions, Vendor Reimbursements, and Post Market Reports.

Fresh Access Bucks Membership Program

1. The time the Program Partner spends administering the FAB program will be used as part of FF's in-kind match requirement for the Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program.
2. The Program Partner agrees to participate in the Fresh Access Bucks Membership Program. Program membership fees are tiered based on FAB Incentives Redeemed between June 1, 2021 -May 31, 2022 or until FINI funds are expended or program goals have been completed. Membership fees are due 90 days after FINI funds have been expended or program goals have been completed via check to FF in order to remain a member in good standing. FF will hold the final payments due under this contract until all terms have been met. A copy of the Fresh Access Bucks Membership Program is attached for reference.
3. A minimum of 6 distinct SNAP nutrition education events such as chef/cooking demonstrations or taste tests reflected in FM Tracks Post Market Reports between June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2022 or until FINI funds are expended or program goals have been completed.

Vendor Eligibility and Expectations

1. SNAP and FAB eligible Market Vendors will agree to the following:
 - Post clearly marked SNAP and FAB signage for eligible products;
 - Accept tokens for eligible items only;
 - Return tokens to Market Manager for reimbursement and sign receipts;
 - Review FAB Vendor Contract and Vendor Guidelines with eligible vendors prior to misunderstanding.
2. Program Partner will distribute the attached Vendor Agreement and FAB Vendor Guideline to all eligible vendors and work with them to ensure their understanding of and compliance with the expectations of the FAB program. Program Partner will retain signed FAB Vendor Guidelines and Vendor Agreement from all participating vendors.



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Annual Report

Program Partner staff agrees to complete a final Annual Report, a copy of which is attached for reference. All expenses associated with the FINI grant, including FF's contribution and Program Partner's in-kind match contributions, must be tracked and included in the Annual Report so that, if requested from USDA, FF can demonstrate that the spending of all these funds was in compliance with the awarded project and USDA rules.

Nutrition Education

In addition to increasing the affordability and accessibility of healthy foods, nutrition education efforts at FAB Outlets is integral in encouraging SNAP shoppers to taste new items and learn new, healthy cooking methods that feature seasonal, Florida-grown produce, and easy and affordable recipes. FF requires Outlets to provide a minimum of 6 distinct SNAP nutrition education events such as chef/cooking demonstrations, recipe sharing or taste tests as reflected in FM Tracks Post Market Reports.

FAB Participation and Outreach

- Include FAB Logo in all informational and promotional materials (including websites, social media, flyers, documents, etc.);
- Participate in annual FAB Training;
- Participate in regular, monthly regional calls;
- Participate in additional statewide program evaluation, as requested;
- Participate in statewide outreach campaigns, as applicable;
- Use FAB tent, banner and other FAB promotional materials at Outlet and promotional events;
- Host and/or organize a minimum of 6 distinct nutrition education events at Outlet;
- Distribute FAB flyers, postcards and/or brochures provided by FF.

If Program Partner fails to meet the expectations within these Guidelines, Feeding Florida reserves the right to cancel this agreement for non-performance.

By signing this agreement as an authorized Fresh Access Bucks Partner Outlet, I agree to adhere to all expectations of the Fresh Access Bucks Incentive Program, as stated in this agreement.

Print Name, Title: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FL

Signature: Rita Pritchett
Rita Pritchett, Chair

Date: _____

As approved by the BOCC on: _____

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency: [Signature]
By Assistant County Attorney/Date

ATTEST: Rachael M. Sadoff
Rachael M. Sadoff, Clerk