

King County Food Security RFP- Questions and Answers

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- 1) For vehicle purchase, would the vehicle be restricted to only be used for King County services? We serve King County as well as Pierce County.**

No, the vehicle would not be restricted to King County. Applications where most services take place in King County may be scored higher.

- 2) Is there preference for applications with a majority of services provided outside of the City of Seattle?**

There is no preference.

- 3) Am I allowed to submit a request for both grant categories?**

We are asking for a single application from those interested. If your request amount is for \$50,001 or more you will be placed in the larger award category.

- 4) If an organization provides food services 2-3 times/ week are they eligible? Free food to seniors about 2-3 times/ week.**

Yes.

- 5) Would a project be eligible if work has begun before the contract start date? We have a refrigeration project that we would prefer to start before summer heat hits in July.**

Yes, projects with previous expenditures may be considered. Please explain this when you are applying so that we can inform our leadership team. All this said, no award commitments will be made until the final awards are decided in June.

- 6) Could an organization submit an RFP for both tiers of funding for different projects not related to each other?**

King County will only award one grant per organization. If there are different projects under one organization, the projects must be submitted as part of one application.

7) Has the Exec's office offered funding programs like this in the past? Are there past funded projects that we can reference?

We have not done this in an RFP format. We have a pool of capital grants for food security organizations that were listed in the 2026-27 budget. Many of these projects are for storage and refrigerated space, vehicles, and acquiring and renovating property.

8) Our nonprofit operates out of a church. Could we apply for these funds to update the kitchen that we're preparing meals in? Or would the church/property owner need to put in the request?

You can apply. If approved, you would have to provide your tenant agreement and show that it is in effect for at least 12 years (the life of the bonds).

9) Would Logistic Resiliency for vehicle purchases (EV to replace an aging combustion vehicle) fit in the focus of this RFP? Hypothetical, the EV vehicle will replace an older combustion van on a product distribution for agencies.

Yes, if it meets the intent of this RFP.

10) If a church has a kitchen, what makes its food service eligible under this grant?

Such food provision is eligible if it is provided to the community and free of charge.

11) Are food producers who provide food to food pantries eligible if they do not exclusively grow food for this exact purpose?

Yes. Such entities must be a non-profit. In their applications, they should clearly state how they are making food available to the community free-of-charge. They should also explain their other services, even if they are not related to providing food free-of-charge.

12) For Vehicles: What's the reporting data needed to be recorded from agencies if they buy and operate a van under the RFP?

Once the awards are made, King County will work with each agency to determine performance measures that correspond with awarded projects. Typically for food

agencies we are looking at how does a vehicle supports your ability to meet community needs.