

**New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Supplemental Food Programs
Women, Infants and Children Program
Division of Nutrition**

Solicitation of Interest

Online Nutrition Education

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions below were received by the deadline announced in the Solicitation of Interest (SOI). The New York State Department of Health (Department) is not responsible for any errors or misinterpretation of any questions received.

The responses to questions included herein are the official responses by the State to questions posted by potential bidders and are hereby incorporated into the SOI # **20838**. In the event of any conflict between the SOI and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

WHO MAY APPLY

Question 1: We noted the requirement that the responding organization must be a public or private not-for-profit organization. Could you please expand upon the reason for this requirement? We ask because 2 of the 3 main digital nutrition education providers for WIC—including [redacted]—would automatically be disqualified from responding to the SOI due to their for-profit status. It would be unfortunate if organizations with a strong track record of providing high-quality digital education to WIC families were automatically disqualified from providing education to families across New York.

Answer 1: Amendment #1 to this Solicitation of Interest extends eligibility to for-profit applicants.

Question 2: Will NYSDOH provide a list of plan holders or interested prime vendors so we may reach out to offer our teaming capabilities?

Answer 2: Once the award period has ended, an Award announcement from this SOI will be posted here: <https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/soi/20838/> and <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/>.

Question 3: Alternatively, does the Department maintain an Interested Subcontractors / MWBE / SDVOB List that will be shared with prime applicants to help them meet utilization goals? If so, please add [redacted] to this list.

Answer 3: It is the grantee's responsibility to search for and find subcontractors. If a contract requires MWBE participation, guidance is provided to a grantee via the directory. The NYS M/WBE Directory can be found here:

<https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/searchcertifieddirectory.asp>.

Question 4: I wanted to know how I can apply for your wic online nutrition education grant for \$700,000.00

Answer 4: Refer to the *How to Apply* section found within the Solicitation of Interest.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/funding/soi/20838/docs/soi.pdf>.