

SPIPA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Program Overview for Tribal Partners

This is a consultation for the FDPIR program requesting tribal approval to proceed with the FFY27 application. Below you will find a description of the program, a breakdown of the anticipated budget, program/application requirements, and the next steps we are requesting from you to proceed.

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1. Abstract

Agency	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
Program	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
Application deadline	August 7, 2026
Period of performance	October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 (FFY 2027)
Estimated request	\$445,318 (Admin \$422,038 + Nutrition Education \$23,280)
SPIPA project lead	Debbie Gardipee-Reyes

Purpose

FDPIR provides USDA foods to income-eligible households living on Indian reservations and to Native families in approved service areas. The program improves access to nutritious food and supports culturally relevant nutrition education for Tribal families.

Project summary

SPIPA administers FDPIR in partnership with the Chehalis, Nisqually, Skokomish, Squaxin Island, and Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribes. The program provides monthly USDA food distribution to eligible Native households in reservation and approved near-reservation areas, including select urban locations.

Operations run from a central warehouse on the Nisqually Reservation, where staff handle intake, eligibility, inventory, and nutrition education. Food is distributed through monthly tailgate events at each Tribal site, with direct pickup for Nisqually residents.

Nutrition education is provided at each Tribal distribution. This request continues the existing program model with minor staffing updates to keep service, compliance, and culturally grounded support steady across all five Tribal communities.

Budget snapshot

SPIPA is requesting \$445,318 for FFY 2027 — \$422,038 in administrative funds and \$23,280 in nutrition education. This covers warehouse operations, non-personnel administrative costs, truck use and maintenance, and three full-time staff: a Program Coordinator and two Warehouse Worker/Certifiers. About \$20,000 is set aside for culturally relevant nutrition education. The program carries a 20% match requirement; SPIPA will request a full waiver, as allowed under federal rules.

2. Budget

FDPIR FFY 2027 — combined request.

Combined request	FFY 2027
Total Administrative	\$422,038
Total Nutrition Education	\$23,280
Grand total (Admin + Nutrition Education)	\$445,318

Administrative funds

Administrative funds	FFY 2027
Personnel	\$278,439
Volunteer labor	\$0
Non-personnel	\$84,137
Indirect cost (admin)	\$59,462
Total Admin (direct costs, FDPIR)	\$422,038

Personnel includes:

- Coordinator — \$71,229
- Warehouse/Certifier — \$64,500
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- Benefits — \$78,210

Non-personnel includes:

- Utilities — \$12,737
- Fuel — \$14,000
- WA FDPIR & NAFDPIR required training/travel — \$18,000
- Supplies — \$11,600
- Maintenance — \$24,100
- Other (dues, insurance) — \$3,700

Nutrition education

Nutrition education	FFY 2027
Direct costs	\$20,000
Indirect costs	\$3,280
Total Nutrition Education	\$23,280

Match

The program requires a 20% match.

SPIPA will submit a waiver of all matching funds required for this application (Admin and Nutrition Education).

3. How the Program Works

SPIPA staff operate FDPIR directly. Your Tribe does not directly take on programmatic, reporting or compliance duties.

- **Who is served:** income-eligible Native households living on or near the participating reservations, in USDA-approved service areas.
- **What the program provides:** monthly USDA food packages with participant choice, plus culturally relevant nutrition education and regular outreach.
- **How it is delivered:** a central warehouse on the Nisqually Reservation; monthly tailgate distributions at each Tribal site; direct pickup for Nisqually residents.
- **Compliance and reporting:** SPIPA handles eligibility certification, food safety and inventory, civil rights, recordkeeping, and all required USDA reporting on the schedule set by the award. There is no subaward or MOA for your Tribe to administer.

4. What the Application Involves

What SPIPA submits (SPIPA staff handle this)

- FDPIR Budget Worksheet
- Required SF424
- SPIPA FDPIR Operation Plan
- Authorized SPIPA Board Resolution
- Submitted by email

Tribal Council Resolution

A Tribal Council Resolution is not a required component of the FDPIR application. However, under its own consultation and resolution policy, SPIPA still requests one from each participating Tribe. The resolution should cover:

- Action requested — authorize the Tribe's participation in SPIPA's application.
- Funding amount and project period — Program Year 2027 (Oct 1, 2026 – Sep 30, 2027); about \$445,318, administered by SPIPA.
- Match or ongoing obligations — none. FDPIR requires no match.
- Authorized official designated to sign.
- Please return Tribal Resolutions before **Friday, Jul 15, 2026**.

Memorandum of Agreement

- As funds do not pass through SPIPA to the Tribes, an MOA is not required for this application.

5. Summary — Your Tribe's Checklist

This is everything your Tribe needs to do. SPIPA staff handle the application and run the program.

What your Tribe needs to do	Due by
Give SPIPA the green light: reply to confirm SPIPA can apply for FDPIR on your Tribe's behalf, and that you are not asking SPIPA to step aside for this opportunity. Email is fine.	ASAP
Tribal Council Resolution signed and returned to SPIPA.	07/15/2026

Note on resolutions: SPIPA will request a Tribal Council resolution, but it is not required to apply and is not due with the application. Your Tribe can provide one on its own timeline. Because SPIPA staff operate the program.