

# FY15 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

**Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture  
**Branch:** Food and Nutrition Services  
**Division:** Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

**Programs with PZ Benefits:**  
SNAP Process & Technology Improvement Grant

## SNAP Process and Technology Improvement Grants

**Website:** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-program-improvement>

**Benefit Type:** Grants

**Eligible Communities:** Urban, Rural, Tribal

**Eligible Applicants:** The 53 State agencies that administer the SNAP; State or local governments; agencies providing health or welfare services; public health or educational entities and private non-profit entities such as community or faith-based organizations.

**Benefits to Promise Zone:** May Receive Priority Consideration

**Application Deadline:** June 2, 2015

**Funding Availability:** Up to \$5 million is available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 for the SNAP Process and Technology Improvement Grants. FNS will award the grants through a competitive process. Grants will be awarded to the selected grantees no later than September 30, 2015.

**Program Description:** Grants for projects aimed at simplifying the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application and eligibility determination systems or improving access to SNAP benefits by eligible households.

**Target Population:** Supports efforts by State agencies and their community-based and faith-based partners to develop and implement:

1. Simple SNAP application and eligibility determination systems; or
2. Measures to improve access to SNAP benefits by eligible applicants. FNS is interested in initiatives that use new technologies or examine office processes in order to improve application processing timeliness for initial applications or recertifications.

**RFA Language:** FNS reserves the right to fund out of rank order to achieve agency priorities (such as to grant an award to an entity that includes a joint effort between a State agency and a community-based or faith-based organization, demographic, or socioeconomic diversity, etc.)

[The Funding Opportunity Announcement is available here.](#)