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California Department of Public Health



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TO: CalFresh Healthy Living Local Health Department Project Directors

SUBJECT: PROGRAM LETTER PL 21-01  
Modifications to Funding Application Package (FAP) and Grant  
Agreements for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021

This Program Letter serves as notification allowing modifications to the grant agreement requirements between the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention Branch (NEOPB) CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) program and CFHL Local Health Departments (LHD) or their proxies. The modifications specifically address the changing work environment throughout California due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The modifications listed below are valid only for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021.

The following modifications reflect permissible changes to the requirements set forth by the CDPH NEOPB CFHL FFY 2020-2022 Funding Application Package (FAP) referenced in the grant agreements between CDPH NEOPB CFHL and the LHDs.

As of November 16, 2020, and for the duration of FFY 2021 (ending September 30, 2021), the following modifications are in place:

1. [FAP, Section III, #2 – Programmatic Priorities](#) (pg. 8): Regardless of Funding Tier, LHDs are not required to meet the minimum expectations for the following:
  - a. PSE Levels
  - b. PSE Strategies
  - c. Domains
  
2. [FAP, Attachment 16, Programmatic Priority – Domains and Settings](#) (pg. 3): For FFY 2021, LHDs may complete policy, system and environmental change (PSE) Strategy and Sub-Strategy activities in all (21) CFHL Integrated Work Plan (IWP) PSE Settings expanding the ten (10) LHD-allowable Settings established in Attachment 16. (See the CFHL IWP Blueprint Compiled Content document on the California Department of Social Services CFHL SharePoint site (on the Resources page) for full list of IWP Allowable PSE Settings).
  
3. Local IWP activities: LHDs are permitted to engage in any IWP Blueprint

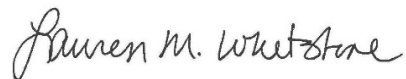


Sub-Strategy activities within a selected Sub-Strategy, regardless of designation of core or complementary activity. (See the CFHL IWP Blueprint Compiled Content document on the California Department of Social Services CFHL SharePoint site (on the Resources page) for IWP Blueprint Structure and Sub-Strategy Activity Tables).

Modifications may require budget adjustments and/or IWP revisions. All modifications must comply with the IWP Temporary Revision Period Given COVID-19 Pandemic guidance provided by CDSS CFHL in their email dated 11/6/2020.

Specific questions regarding the FFY21 modifications, please contact your assigned Project Officer and Contract Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren M. Whetstone".

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