

V. NUTRITION SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION (NSA) EXPENDITURES

(Please indicate) State Agency: Arkansas for FY 2016

NSA expenditures involve the process of allocating, documenting and monitoring the distribution of administrative funds to local agencies, including the monitoring of nutrition education costs, and State and local agency direct/indirect costs.

A. Funds Allocation-246.4(a)(13): describe the policies and procedures used to allocate administrative funds to local agencies, including start-up funds, and conversion of food funds to NSA funds.

B. Local Agency Budgets/Expenditure Plans-246.4(a)(2): describe the policies and procedures for preparing and submitting local agency budgets and expenditure plans and the services that are entirely supported by WIC Program funds.

C. State and Local Agency Access to Funds-246.4(a)(13): describe the procedures and method(s) of distribution/ reimbursement of NSA funds to local agencies.

D. Reporting and Reviewing of State and Local Agency Expenditures-246.4(a)(11)(iv); (12); and (13): describe the policies and procedures used to report, monitor, and review State and local agencies' expenditures, including the documentation of staff time, local agency report forms, on-site reviews of local agencies' NSA expenditures, and in-kind contributions.

E. Nutrition Education Costs-246.4(a)(9): describe the plans and procedures used to meet the nutrition education expenditure requirements, including monitoring activities, local agency reports, and assurances that the special nutrition education needs of migrant farmworkers and their families, Indians, and homeless persons are met.

F. Indirect Costs-246.4(a)(12): describe the policies and procedures used to document and monitor indirect cost rates and services at the State and local level.

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A. Funds Allocation

DOES NOT APPLY (PROCEED TO NEXT SECTION)

1. Allocation Process

a. The State agency has established and provided written procedures to local agencies describing the process for allocation of NSA funds among local agencies.

Yes No

b. Local agencies were involved in developing these procedures via:

Task force/committee of selected local agencies

Comment on proposals made available to all local agencies

Other (describe): _____

c. The State agency allocates NSA funds to local agencies through the use of:

A negotiated budget Flat cost per participant Statewide

Formula (variable) Other method (describe): _____

d. The allocation procedure takes the following factors into account (check all that apply):

Staffing needs

Number of participants

Population density

Cost-containment initiatives

Availability of administrative support from other sources

Other (specify): _____

e. The State agency methodology for funds allocations to local agencies includes a mechanism for reallocation.

Yes

Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Other (specify): _____

No

ADDITIONAL DETAIL: NSA Expenditures Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (citation):

2. Conversion of Food Funds to NSA Funds

a. The State agency converts food funds to NSA funds:

Based on a plan submitted to FNS to reduce average food costs per participant and to increase participation above the FNS-projected level for the State agency.

The State agency achieves, through acceptable measures, increases in participation in excess of the FNS-project level for the State agency.

Describe measures used to increase participation:

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3. The State's Fiscal Year runs from 07/01/2015 to 06/30/2016

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B. Local Agency Budgets/Expenditures Plans

1. Local Agency Budgets/Expenditure Plans

a. The State agency requires its local agencies to prepare and submit administrative budgets.

Yes No Not Applicable

If yes, the State agency requires that local agency budgets include the same cost categories as those used for State-level budget preparation.

Yes No

b. Local agencies' budgets are broken out by (check all that apply):

Not applicable

Line items

Accounting

Maintenance and repair

ADP services

Materials and supplies

Breastfeeding aids

Memberships, subscriptions, and professional activities

Capital expenditures

Printing and reproduction

Clinic/lab services

Training and education

Communications

Transportation

Employee salaries

Travel

Employee fringe benefits

Other (specify): _____

Lease or rental of space

Functions

General administration/
program management

Breastfeeding promotion/support (e.g., breastfeeding aids)

Food delivery

Client services

Certification

Other (specify): _____

Nutrition education

c. The State agency has an established formal process for local agencies to follow when requesting amendments or modifications to their budgets.

Yes No Not Applicable

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B. Local Agency Budgets/Expenditures Plans

d. In order to prepare the federally required WIC administrative budget, the State agency:

- Uses local agency budgets or prior year expenditures
- Reports under an ongoing system to collect this data
- Extracts or consolidates data reported under other State or local agency systems to group costs under the federal line items and functions
- Other (describe): _____

(State WIC administrative budgets are not submitted to FNS, but are used by State agencies as a management tool and may be reviewed by FNS.)

ADDITIONAL DETAIL: SA/LA Spending Plan Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (citation):

2. Please indicate below the services that are entirely supported by WIC funds:

- Anthropometric measurements
- Nutrition counseling/education
- Breastfeeding promotion/support
- Immunization status assessments
- Referrals to health and/or social services
- Hematological assessments
- Other (specify): _____

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C. State and Local Agency Access to Funds

1. The State Agency manages its NSA Grant on a/an:

- Cash basis Accrual basis
- Other (specify): _____

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C. State and Local Agency Access to Funds

2. Reimbursement/Provision of Funds to Local Agencies

a. The State agency provides local agencies with funds in advance.

- Yes (state conditions): _____
- No
- Not Applicable (Proceed to next section.)

If yes, advances must be reconciled to incoming claims. Local agency claims are submitted:

- Monthly Quarterly

b. In order to qualify for payment, an expenditure must be (check all that apply):

- At or below the level of its approved budget line item
- Supported by appropriate documentation (e.g., check or receipt)
- A reasonable and necessary expense for WIC
- Other (specify): N/A _____

c. If an expenditure exceeds the budget provided for that particular line item, the State agency requires the local agency to (check all that apply):

- Submit a supplemental request
- Provide a justification for exceeding the budget line item
- Make an offsetting adjustment to another line item in its budget
- Request approval of a budget modification
- Other (explain): N/A _____

d. Local agencies receive payment via:

- Electronic funds transfer State treasury check/warrant
- Other (specify): N/A _____

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D. Reporting and Reviewing of State and Local Agency Expenditures

1. Documentation of Staff Time

a. How does the State agency determine the percentage of staff time devoted to WIC tasks to document allowable staff costs under the WIC Program (check all that apply):

At SA At LA

- 100 percent reporting
- Random moment sampling
- Periodic time studies:
- 1 week/month
- 1 month/quarter
- Other (specify): A Time Coast Allocation System is used.

b. The State agency last evaluated its time documentation protocol on (specify date). _____
If available, please attach a copy of the protocol to this section or cite Procedure Manual reference.

ADDITIONAL DETAIL: NSA Expenditures Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (citation):

2. Local Agency Report Forms

a. The State agency specifies standard forms and/or procedures for local agencies to use in reporting monthly local-level expenditures.

- Yes No Not Applicable (Proceed to next section)

b. If a standard form is used, it requires local agencies to report NSA expenditures by:

- Same categories as local agency budget
- Other format which includes:

Line items

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADP services | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials and supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breastfeeding aids | <input type="checkbox"/> Memberships, subscriptions, and professional activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital expenditures | <input type="checkbox"/> Printing and reproduction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic/lab services | <input type="checkbox"/> Training and education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee salaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee fringe benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lease or rental of space | |

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Other (specify): _____

Other (specify): _____

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3. On-Site Review of Local Agencies' Administrative Expenditures

a. The State agency conducts on-site reviews of local agency administrative expenditures:

Annually Every two years Every three years

Other (specify): N/A _____

The review is conducted by:

WIC State agency staff

State Department of Health fiscal or audit staff

CPA or audit firm

Other (specify): N/A _____

b. The State agency utilizes a standard format/guide to review local agencies' NSA expenditures.

Yes No

If yes, the standard review guide includes the following procedures (check all that apply):

Verification of at least one monthly billing/claim/expenditure report against source

Documents

Tracking written approval of procurements

Requesting records of ordering, receipt, billing, and payment

Determination that costs were necessary, reasonable and appropriate

Determination that costs were properly allocated among WIC and other programs

Determination that personnel costs charged to WIC were appropriate

Determination that local agencies' indirect costs were appropriately charged

Other (specify): N/A _____

c. If available, please attach a copy of the State agency's NSA expenditure review guide.

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d. The State agency notifies local agencies of findings and establishes claims for unallowable costs, as appropriate.

Yes No

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4. The State agency requires local agencies to document the sources and values of in-kind contributions.

Yes No

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E. Nutrition Education Costs

1. The State agency documents that it meets its nutrition education and breastfeeding promotion expenditure requirements per 7 CFR 246.14(c)(1) via:

Activity reports Time studies Itemizing expenditures
 Other (specify): These expenses are tracked with funding codes specific to nutrition education and breastfeeding promotion.

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2. The State agency monitors expenditures for the following activities related to breastfeeding promotion and support at the State and/or local level (check all that apply):

	At SA	At LA
Breastfeeding promotion coordinator's salary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written educational materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participant education/counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff training	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breastfeeding promotion activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Direct support costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Breastfeeding aids and equipment (e.g., breast pumps purchased with NSA funds)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(If other, specify): _____

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E. Nutrition Education Costs

3. In the event that the State agency uses funds from other sources in meeting minimum expenditure requirements for nutrition education (NE) and breastfeeding promotion and support (BFPS), please provide below the source of these funds, the amount, and the method the State agency will use to document the use of these NE and BFPS funds. (Federal WIC food funds used to purchase/rent breast pumps, and expenditures from breastfeeding peer counseling funds, cannot be counted toward the nutrition education and breastfeeding expenditure requirement.)

Source	Amount
N/A	

Method(s):

- Activity reports Time studies Itemizing expenditures
- Other (specify): Salaries and Cost Allocation

ADDITIONAL DETAIL: NSA Expenditures Appendix and/or Procedure Manual (citation):

4. Local agencies report nutrition education and breastfeeding promotion and support costs:

- When they report routine NSA costs
- Through a different system (specify): _____

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F. State and Local Agency Indirect Costs

1. Indirect Cost Rate and Services

a. Please list below indirect cost/cost allocation agreements in which the State agency is included:

b. The State agency's indirect cost rate(s) is _____ (%) and is based on:

- Salaries Direct costs for administration Both
- Other (specify): Flat rate for both salaries and direct costs for administration

c. Please cite the effective date of the State agency's current negotiated agreement and/or cost allocation plan for indirect costs: _____.

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d. The State agency receives the following types of services under the indirect cost rate agreement(s):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budgeting/accounting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personnel/payroll |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Space usage/maintenance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication/phone/mail | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central supply |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procurement/contracting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Printing/publication | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audit services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment usage/maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

e. The State agency allows local agencies to report indirect costs.

- Yes No Not Applicable

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2. Review of Indirect Cost Documentation

a. The State agency and local agencies ensure that services received and paid for through indirect costs benefit WIC and are not also charged directly to WIC by comparing direct charges by line item to a listing of services paid by funds collected through the application of the indirect cost rate:

- Done for State agency level indirect costs (frequency): _____
- Done for local agency level indirect costs (frequency): _____
- Not done at either level.

b. State and local agency WIC management have access to and review the following documents as applicable to ensure that indirect cost services are not also charged directly to WIC (check all that apply):

	At SA	At LA
Indirect cost agreements/plans	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The accounting mechanism used to ensure the propriety of indirect cost charges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A copy of the cost allocation plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A list of all services paid from indirect costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other documentation related to the establishment and charging of indirect costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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F. State and Local Agency Indirect Costs

c. When the State agency reviews the local agencies' indirect cost rate agreements, the review includes (check all that apply):

- Required submission of indirect cost agreement by the local agency to the State agency
- Assessment of how the rate or method is applied (correct time period, percentage, and base)
- Verification that the State agency had previously approved the local agency to negotiate such an agreement
- Post-review or audit to ensure the rate was applied correctly
- Other documentation related to the establishment and charging of indirect costs (list):

Not applicable

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