

## Illinois Grocery Initiative New Stores in Food Deserts Program NOFO: 3295-2911 **Program Application**

This Notice of Funding Opportunity also requires the submission of this program application. Applicants may also attached separate exhibits or documentation in response to these questions. Please cross-reference any such documents as appropriate below.

1. Provide a brief summary of your project.

2. Provide the address and census tract of the project location. (See census tract lookup at https:// geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/geographies/address?form) Indicate whether the census tract is currently designated as a food desert. (See USDA map at https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/ food-access-research-atlas/go-to-the-atlas/) If not, provide any evidence that the census tract would qualify with updated data. (or example, the poverty rate has increased or a recently open grocery has closed.)

	ancial plan for the grocery store location including, but not necessarily limited to, the following upporting documentation can be submitted separately.  Documentation of the amount and sources of outside investment in the Grocery Store  Documentation of the Grocery Store's long-term assets and debts  A detailed explanation of the ownership and operational structure, including the location of all primary owners.  A detailed financial plan that includes the following:  The Grocery Store's projected costs, revenues, and profits;  The amount and sources of other investments in the planned Grocery Store;  The long-term assets, including but not limited to real property and equipment, that the Grocery Store has already secured or still needs; and  The projected number of employees of the Grocery Store.
4. Provide the tobacco.	expected annual percentage of sales at the project location attributable to alcohol and
	nearest existing grocery store to the project location and estimate the distance between the two omit general stores and/or convenience stores from your results.

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10. Provide a timeline for project implementation, including intermediate milestones as appropriate.
11. Describe the project team's experience successfully managing government grants of this nature.
12. Describe the project team's experience successfully launching and/or managing grocery stores.

13. Identify sources of matching funds and provide documentation that these funds will be available for the project.
14. Provide a list of the individuals providing letters of support (to be uploaded separately), noting their affiliations as appropriate. Please note that at least one LOS must come from an elected official (such as a mayor, state legislator, or alderman) serving the area.