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USDA Invites Applications for Grants to Improve Access to Healthy Foods While Creating Jobs for People Living in Underserved Rural Areas

Agency to Host Informational Webinar on Wednesday, Nov. 17

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10, 2021 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small has announced that USDA is inviting applications for at least \$4 million in grants to improve access to healthy foods while creating jobs for people in underserved rural areas.

USDA is making the grants available under the [Healthy Food Financing Initiative Targeted Small Grants Program](#). Through this program, USDA is partnering with the Reinvestment Fund, the National Fund Manager, to provide the funding. Qualified grantees include grocery stores and food distributors that are working to improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas. These awards are expected to create and preserve quality jobs and revitalize low-income communities. The funding is authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill.

To apply, applicants must submit a letter of interest by Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021. If invited to apply, applicants must submit a full application. Additional information on how to apply is available at www.investinginfood.com.

USDA and the Reinvestment Fund are hosting an **informational webinar on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time** for interested parties to learn more about the program. To register, visit <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4101009465716687631>.

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