DISCLAIMER: This document is based off the information provided by the State in their document titled “Great Plates Delivered Program Guidance”. Local administrators, in this case, the County of San Diego, may adjust portions of this guidance, while staying within the guidelines put forth by the State.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Great Plates Delivered program is twofold: 1) to provide meals to adults 65 and older and adults 60-64 who are at high-risk, as defined by the CDC and who are unable to access meals while staying at home and are ineligible for other nutrition programs; and 2) to support local restaurants and other food provider/agricultural workers and to support owners who have closed or are struggling to remain open due to COVID-19 mitigation tactics.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

RESTAURANTS: Licensed local food providers that prioritize local jobs, worker retention, worker health and safety, and standards of equity and fairness in employment practices, wages, hiring, and promotion. Please note, the Governor’s intent of this program is to leverage multiple small to medium sized restaurants to meet participant demand.

The intent of Great Plates Delivered is to support local food vendors by stimulating the local economy, requiring 100% of meals be supplied by a food provider not currently participating in a state or federal meal service program.

Food provider meals must meet specific nutritional requirements detailed in the Guideline document.

INDIVIDUALS: Participating individuals must fall into the following categories:

- Individuals who are 65 or older, or 60-64 and at high-risk as defined by the CDC, including:
  - Individuals who are COVID-19 positive (as documented by a state/local public health official or medical health professional),
  - Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 (as documented by a state/local public health official or medical health professional), or
  - Individuals with an underlying health condition.
- Participants must not be currently receiving assistance from other state or federal nutrition assistance programs
- Participants must earn no more than 600% of the federal poverty limit ($74,940 (single) or $101,460 (2-person)
- Individuals must affirm an inability to prepare or obtain meals

Once deemed eligible the individual will provide the necessary operational information, such as address, any dietary restrictions, etc. Participating individuals will be provided three (3) prepared meals a day.

REIMBURSEMENT

Each local jurisdiction is responsible for funding the program and maybe reimbursed through the FEMA Public Assistance program.

Program costs will be limited to $66 for three (3) daily meals, inclusive of delivery.

Program cost breakdown is as follows:

- FEMA Public Assistance (PA) may reimburse 75%
- The State share is 18.75% through California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)
- A local cost of 6.25% is required to participate in the program

GUIDANCE

FEMA Policy FP 104-010-03
FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guidance
FEMA Public Assistance Simplified Application
Great Plates Delivered Program Guidance