

Categories of Records

The data elements in eDRS provide information about individuals who have been disqualified, the disqualification details, and the agency that imposed the disqualification. State agencies submit this information about disqualifications imposed in their State and this information is then available to all participating State agencies with access to eDRS. State agencies use personally identifying information to search eDRS for the individual being matched.

- Information about the disqualified individual:
- Name
- Social security number or alternative ID
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Alias
- Disqualification number
- Disqualification decision date
- Disqualification start date
- Duration of disqualification period
- Offense code
- Agency information:
- Locality code
- Locality contact name, title, location, and phone number

System(s) of Records

The system of records for this data exchange comprising eDRS is USDA/ FNS-5, Information on Persons Disqualified from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 75 FR 81205 (Dec. 27, 2010). This data exchange is authorized under routine uses.

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Acting Administrator and Assistant Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Mobile Payment Pilots (MPPs)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection. This is a revision of an existing information collection to conduct demonstration pilot projects to test the redemption of

SNAP benefits through mobile payment technologies.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent via the following methods:

- *Preferred Method:* Comments can be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

- *Email:* Send comments to RPMDHQ-WEB@USDA.GOV.

- *Mail:* Send comments to Shelly Pierce, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Eden Temple, at (703) 457-7734 or via email to RPMDHQ-WEB@USDA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: SNAP Mobile Payment Pilots (MPPs)

Form Number: None.

OMB Number: 0584-0672.

Expiration Date: 6/30/2025.

Type of Request: Revision to existing collection.

Abstract: Section 4006(e) of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334) authorizes the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to allow up to five Mobile Payment Pilots (MPPs) to allow the use of personal mobile devices, such as cellular phones, tablets and smart watches in place of SNAP Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards to conduct SNAP transactions. Respondents (SNAP State agencies (State agencies) and their

SNAP business partners) will conduct pilots to test the use of mobile payment technologies for the redemption of SNAP benefits by SNAP households at participating retailers, to determine their feasibility and implications for program integrity. FNS will conduct these projects to evaluate whether allowing mobile payments is in the best interest of the Program, and to therefore, recommend allowing their use to the Secretary.

The information collected in the pilot evaluation (to be submitted for OMB approval under a separate information collection request) will help FNS determine the success of and best practices for the use of mobile payment technologies to redeem SNAP benefits. This information will inform Program design, standards, rulemaking, and guidance for approval of SNAP mobile payment technologies as well as Departmental decisions and recommendations to Congress with respect to requiring all State EBT systems to accept mobile payment technologies in the future.

To achieve these objectives, FNS seeks OMB approval only for implementation of MPP by State agencies. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, FNS will seek a separate OMB approval to evaluate the results of completed MPPs under a separate 60-day **Federal Register** Notice and information collection request.

1. Assumptions

In 2022, FNS issued a request for volunteers for participate in the MPP. FNS received 12 proposals and selected 5 States to participate. Because the request for volunteers (RFV) process has already occurred and its burden was covered in the initial 2022 information collection request, FNS is removing the hours associated with the RFV process from this renewal. Because pilot projects are still being designed, it is impossible for FNS to know in advance the design and structure of pilots that may be proposed or the specific activities each State and associated partners will undertake while conducting a MPP. Therefore, we have provided general estimates based on an assumed pilot model. Actual pilots may vary widely from this model and include a variety of potential stakeholders; this information collection does not intend to establish a standard model; this model will be used throughout this notice simply for ease of estimation.

If there are substantive changes to this data collection request, the agency will seek OMB approval to revise this information collection request following

the Paperwork Reduction Act process. Because the pilots are still being designed by the 5 States, the estimates below are based on a model in which one State agency partners with an average of four (4) stakeholder businesses (2 retailers, 1 EBT processor, and 1 mobile payment vendor) and recruits 1,000 SNAP participants per pilot proposal. It is important to note for burden estimation purposes that, while there are numerous retailer and mobile payment vendors the States may choose to partner with, there are only 4 EBT processors nationally. Therefore, EBT processors may partner with multiple pilot proposals submitted by the various State agencies; this has been considered in our estimation.

2. Mobile Payment Pilot Implementation

The pilot period will last a total of eighteen (18) months, and Pilot Participants (State agencies and associated business partner organizations) will join on a rolling basis with the condition that they must each participate for a minimum of nine (9) months. Per the requirement in Section 4006(e) of the Agricultural Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–334) FNS has selected 5 MPPs. FNS estimates that, based on the assumed model in this notice, each State agency may require 80 hours to conduct the following activities during each month of implementation of an MPP (as applicable). These activities include:

1. Design of mobile payment integration and changes to EBT systems and functionality to accommodate mobile payments,
2. Testing of EBT systems to ensure compatibility,
3. Provision of technical assistance and support to SNAP households that participate in an MPP, and/or

4. Coordination with EBT processors, SNAP retailers, and mobile payment contractors.

FNS estimates that, based on the assumed model in this notice, each of the 5 State agencies may issue 1 recruitment notice for the MPP to 5,000 individuals who are members of SNAP households in each State for a total of 25,000 individuals. These notices may be issued to SNAP households electronically or via mail, depending on the State. Generation and issuance of each notice by the State agency is expected to take approximately 3 minutes (0.05 hours). FNS also estimates that each of the 25,000 individual household members will require up to 3 minutes (0.05 hours) to read the recruitment notice for participation in the pilot. FNS estimates that approximately 5,000 of the recruited participants will opt to participate in the pilot (1,000 per State) and that each of the 5,000 participants will require 15 minutes to enroll in an MPP. Potential enrollment activities for SNAP household respondents are based on the assumed model in this information collection may include calling or emailing the State agency to indicate interest, reviewing instructions, downloading an application (as known as app), technical assistance, and/or enrolling in the app.

Because the RFV process has already occurred and its burden was covered in the 2022 information collection request, FNS is removing the hours associated with the RFV process from this renewal. This results in a decrease of 23,510 burden hours.

Reporting Burden for State Agencies

Affected Public: State SNAP agencies.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 5 State agencies.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5,048.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 25,240.

Estimated Time per Response: .94.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 23,675.

Reporting Burden for Businesses

Affected Public: Business (Respondent Types: EBT Stakeholders (EBT Processors, SNAP Retailers, Mobile Payment Vendors or Contractors).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 240.

Estimated Time per Response: 120 hours per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 28,800 hours.

Reporting Burden for Individual Households

Affected Public: SNAP Recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000 (15,000 respondents and 10,000 non-respondents).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: .83 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 30,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .07 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,167 hours.

Recordkeeping Burden for State Agencies

There is no recordkeeping or third-party reporting burden associated with this information collection.

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	Mobile Payment Pilot – Stakeholder Coordination	N/A	5	12	60	80.00	4,800	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00
State Agency Subtotal			5	5,048.00	25,240	0.94	23,675.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,675.00
EBT Processors	<i>Request for Volunteers - Coordination</i>	N/A	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot - Coordination	N/A	4	12	60	120.00	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,200.00
SNAP Retailers	<i>Request for Volunteers - Coordination</i>	N/A	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot - Coordination	N/A	10	12	120	120.00	14,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,400.00
Mobile Payment Vendor	<i>Request for Volunteers - Coordination</i>	N/A	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot - Coordination	N/A	5	12	60	120.00	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,200.00
Business Subtotal			20	12.00	240	120	28,800	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,800.00
SNAP Recipients	Mobile Payment Pilot – Review Recruitment Notice	25,000	15,000	1	15,000	0.05	750.00	10,000.00	1.00	10,000.00	0.0167	167.00	917.00
	Mobile Payment Pilot – Complet	N/A	5,000	1	5,000	0.25	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00

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Individual/House hold Subtotal			15,000	1.33	20,000	0.10	2,000.00	10,000.00	1.00	10,000.00	0.0167	167.00	2,167.00
Totals			15,025	3.03	45,480	1.20	54,475.00	10,000.00	1.00	10,000.00	0.0167	167.00	54,642.00

Note: Italicized rows represent activities in previous information collection that have been removed from this revision; all columns are zeroed out of those rows.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket #: RBS-24-BUSINESS-0010]

**Notice of Solicitation of Applications
for the Rural Economic Development
Loan and Grant Programs for Fiscal
Year 2025**

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative
Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), invites applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Programs (REDLG or Programs) for fiscal year (FY) 2025, subject to the availability of funding. This notice is being issued prior to the passage of a FY 25 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which may or may not provide funding for this program, to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing, prepare and submit their applications, and give the Agency time to process applications within FY 2025. Based on FY 2024 appropriated funding and current budget situation, the Agency estimates that approximately \$50,000,000 will be available for FY 2025. Successful applications will be selected by the Agency for funding and subsequently awarded to the extent that funding may ultimately be made available through appropriations. All applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their applications.

DATES: The deadlines for completed applications to be received in the RD State Office for quarterly funding competitions are no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on: First Quarter, September 30, 2024; Second Quarter, December 31, 2024; Third Quarter, March 31, 2025, and Fourth Quarter, June 30, 2025. The Agency will not consider any application received after the deadline for funding competition in that fiscal quarter.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted in paper or electronically to the RD State Office for the state where the project is located. A list of the RD State Office contacts can be found at: www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices. This notice will also be announced at www.grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Mason at cindy.mason@usda.gov, Program Management Division, Business Programs, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 3226, Room 5160-South, Washington, DC 20250-3226, or call (202) 720-1400. For further information on this notice, please contact the RD State Office in the state which the applicant's headquarters is located. A list of RD State Office contacts is provided at the following link: www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Federal Awarding Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS).

Funding Opportunity Type: Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants (REDLG).

Announcement Type: Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA).

Funding Opportunity Number: RD-RBCS-25-REDLG.

Assistance Listing Number: 10.854.
Dates: The deadlines for complete applications to be received in the RD State Office for quarterly funding

competitions are no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on: First Quarter, September 30, 2024; Second Quarter, December 31, 2024; Third Quarter, March 31, 2025, and Fourth Quarter, June 30, 2025.

Rural Development Key Priorities: The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities (more details available at www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points):

- Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Justice; Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.
- Advancing Racial Justice, Place-Based Equity, and Opportunity; Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD funded projects.
- Creating More and Better Market Opportunities; Assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

A. Program Description

1. *Purpose of the Program.* The Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) and Grant (REDG) Programs (REDLG or Program(s)) provide financing to eligible Rural Utilities Service (RUS) electric or telecommunications borrowers (Intermediaries) to promote rural economic development and job creation projects. Assistance provided to rural and Tribal areas, as defined, under this program may include business startup costs, business expansion, business incubators, technical assistance feasibility studies, advanced telecommunications services and computer networks for medical, educational, and job training services, and Community Facilities, as defined at 7 CFR 4280.3, projects for economic development.

2. *Statutory and Regulatory Authority.* These Programs are authorized under section 313B of the Rural Electrification