

Wireless EBT-only Equipment Funding Announcement

Dear Vermont Farmers Markets and Direct Market Farmers,

**Direct Market Farmers are farmer-producers that sell their own agricultural products directly to the general public.*

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service has awarded Vermont \$57,876 to be used for wireless EBT-only service subscriptions and the purchase of complementary equipment. The award expires on September 30, 2021. Any Farmers Market (FM) or Direct Market Farmer (DMF) that currently does not have a federally funded EBT-only machine could be eligible.

Vermont FM/DMF's are eligible to receive a portion of this funding on a reimbursement basis only. Markets will be required to front all costs of their preferred wireless EBT-only solution. Funds will be allocated and distributed to FM/DMF's on a 'first come first serve' basis.

Markets will have through July 1, 2021 to request reimbursement from the State. Reimbursement requests submitted after July 1, will not be considered. After July 1, 2021, markets will not be reimbursed for any acquired equipment, service subscriptions and transaction fees. Markets should consider this when choosing their state approved solution.

Markets shall choose from one of the State approved EBT-only wireless solutions provided. To secure a portion of this funding, markets must email the enclosed *EBT-only Equipment Funding Application* to AHS.EBT@vermont.gov.

We hope you find this to be a great opportunity for your market. Please contact the Vermont EBT Unit with any questions.

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