

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

RFI: CONGREGATE MEAL SITES FOR OLDER ADULTS & TARGETING UNDERSERVED MINORITY POPULATIONS

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1. What if I know about a population in need in a different zip code?
 - a. Please still complete the RFI and let us know why you believe this population is underserved.
2. How do I know if my kitchen meets the standards?
 - a. Addendum A outlines the requirements, for the RFI simply describe the facilities you have.
3. What if my group is smaller than 50 participants to start?
 - a. Please indicate that in the RFI and what your plans are to grow the attendance.
4. Can my staff be all volunteers?
 - a. Yes, as long as there is a person in charge who meets all requirements of a PDPH Food Safety Certification, and ensure all other requirements, including reporting requirements are met.
5. Is any funding available to launch my program?
 - a. PCA is not committing any funding at this time. We will be using the responses from the RFI to make determinations about what the need is and what is feasible moving forward.
6. Regarding underserved areas, how were the focused zip codes selected?
 - a. The five specific zip codes - 19135, 19136, 19153, and 19142 - were selected by comparing the city areas where PCA provides congregate and home-delivered meal services with the areas that have high populations of low-income older populations adults.
7. Is there an opportunity to add zip codes or underserved areas?
 - a. Yes. Please let us know if you see other needs.
8. Could we prepare meals at an outreach site?
 - a. Although we do not have specifics about available funding, we would like to remain open to different versions of providing meals to older adults.
9. Does this mean existing congregate meal sites will have the opportunity to choose an onsite source/prep or be able to select a contractor instead of going with the PCA meal vendor?
 - a. No, this option is for culturally or otherwise tailored meal choices.

10. Suppose we are a current PCA senior center looking to serve meals at another location within our organization. Would the new location be treated as a satellite of the existing senior center or an entirely separate contract?
 - a. PCA would have to review the submission to determine whether the new location should be treated as a satellite.

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