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STATE OF ALABAMA

KENNETH W. BOSWELL
DIRECTOR

May 1, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Kenneth W. Boswell
Director

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SUBJECT: Healthy Food Financing Program

The Alabama Legislature has provided the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) with \$200,000 in program year 2025 and \$200,000 in program year 2026 for the Healthy Food Financing Program. ADECA will distribute the total of \$400,000 of these funds through a one-time statewide competition to projects that meet legislative intent to increase availability of fresh and nutritious food in underserved communities. This Memorandum serves to inform the interested parties to apply or assist potential or eligible entities to apply to ADECA by the application deadline of June 30, 2026. The attached policies and procedures explain the specific qualifying requirements and provides an application form to be completed along with a list of attachments to be submitted with the application.

Applicant may be a for-profit or nonprofit entity, including, but not limited to, a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, cooperative, nonprofit organization, nonprofit community development entity, university, or government entity. Potential projects must be in a low-or moderate-income area and must serve an underserved community. Financing requests must be for construction of new grocery stores, renovation or expansion of grocery stores, infrastructure upgrades, or other such activities that improve the availability and quality of fresh produce and other healthy foods.

If there are any questions about this program, please call Evelyn Terry at (334) 353-5360 or email evelyn.terry@adeca.alabama.gov.

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Attachments