**FAQ FY25 Equipment Assistance Grant**

1. Is cafeteria furniture an allowable use of funds with the equipment grant? What about signage, graphics, and decor?
2. The USDA Equipment Assistance Grants allow SFAs to purchase equipment that are needed to serve healthier school meals, improve food safety, and expand access to school meals. The following are key focus areas: • Equipment that improves the quality of school meals; • Equipment that improves the safety of food served in the school meal programs; • Equipment that improves the overall energy efficiency of the school food service operations; and/or • Equipment used to improve or expand participation in school meals. Cafeteria furniture is an allowable use of funds with the equipment grant as well as signage, graphics, and décor.
3. Could you clarify the naming convention for me. How would an independent school district name their attachments? I don’t want to be disqualified for not naming my files correctly.
4. If the names of the schools were Lovely Independent and the schools applying where Lovely Independent High School, Lovely Independent Wildcat Academy, and Lovely Independent Silver Elementary. Those files would be submitted as:
   * 1. FY25 EA Lovely Ind. High
     2. FY25 EA Lovely Ind. Wildcat Academy
     3. FY25 EA Lovely Ind. Silver (you would only include elementary if you have a middle or high school also named Silver)

The application would not be disqualified for failure to follow the naming convention in the RFA. The use of the naming convention helps to ensure that the application is placed in the correct folder.

1. We provide meals for an alternative school in the next county. They claim the meals, we invoice them for the meals. Am I able to enter that school for the equipment grant to try to update some of the equipment that the 'home' district doesn't seem to want to invest in?
2. No. The ‘home’ district would need to apply for the Equipment Assistance Grant for that particular site.