

Question and Answer

Farm to Family Child Care 2025 Request for Qualifications

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11/17	Delivery Cadence	What is the definition of bi-monthly deliveries?	For the purposes of this RFQ, bi-monthly deliveries is defined as twice per month, every other week, during the active service months. Active service months will be March-June 2026 and four months between July 2026-June 2027 (months to be determined in the contracting process).
11/17	Eligibility	Who is and isn't eligible for the Farm to Child Care RFQ opportunity; is it only open to childcare providers, or are other nonprofit organizations eligible to apply?	This funding opportunity is open to any legally constituted entity that meets the eligibility requirements outlined in the Guidelines and Application and has the experience and capability to serve as a vendor to supply Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes of locally grown produce as well as meets the standard HSD Agency Minimum Eligibility Requirements. Applicants may be nonprofit or for-profit organizations.
11/18	Delivery Cadence	Please clarify what is meant by service months and how deliveries will be spaced out across the service time frames of 3/1/2026-6/30/2026 and from 7/1/2026-6/30/27.	Our funder has broken this funding into two service years, with year one ending 6/30/26 and year two ending 6/30/27. Delivery months for year one have already been determined and will include twice monthly deliveries from 3/1/26-6/30/26. Delivery months for year two have not been determined and will be negotiated in the contracting process. Year two delivery months will include twice monthly deliveries and will prioritize peak harvest months; potential delivery scenarios could include deliveries July & August 2026 plus May & June 2027, July 2026 plus April-June 2027, March-June 2027, or similar scenarios.
11/18	Produce Clarification	Should produce bags/boxes be packed with produce to be consumed on site at the child care program or should they be packed in individual portions to go home with the children for family consumption?	The CSA bags/boxes should be packed with produce to be used on site by the child care provider in their daily menus and activities to feed approximately 10-15 children. The produce is not allowed to go home with the children/families and does not need to be packed in 10-15 individual portions.
11/18	Delivery Cadence	Should all sites receive every delivery in the same time frame or could the delivery boxes and service months be staggered?	All child care sites will receive same number of deliveries per month during the active service months. Deliveries could be staggered by week, with sites located in a geographic area receiving deliveries in weeks 1 and 3 of the month and sites located in another geographic area receiving deliveries in weeks 2 and 4 of the month, for example.

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11/19	Delivery Route	Is the schedule of deliveries determined by a conversation between the vendor and customer (child care provider) or is the schedule set and determined by HSD?	HSD provides the delivery roster and maintains communication with the child care providers regarding scheduling details (such as days closed for holiday or vacation), then communicates those scheduling details to the vendor. The vendor creates the delivery schedule that best allows them to make deliveries to the full roster two times per month, prioritizing Monday and Tuesday deliveries. The vendor maintains communication with the providers regarding the delivery schedule.
11/20	Delivery Route	Is there a list of child care providers with addresses that will be participating so applicants can see what a route may potentially look like?	There is not a list of addresses available for review at this time; the roster for service year one (Mar 2026-Jun 2026) will be determined in early 2026. The provider list will include 60-70 of the providers currently participating in the CCNP program; enrolled providers are currently located in Seattle (45 providers), South King County (45 providers), East King County (10 providers), and North King County (10 providers).
11/20	Produce Clarification	Is there a set amount of lbs. or number of items per location in each CSA box/bag?	HSD is expecting to see approximately 6 produce items in each CSA bag/box with the suggested distribution of 2 fruits, 3 vegetables, and 1 herb or leafy green. There is not a set amount of lbs. per bag/box as the weight of produce can vary greatly, but the amount of produce should be sufficient to be used in menu items, snacks, or taste testing for 10-15 children. Applicants may propose the bag content they are able to provide.
11/20	Delivery Cadence	Is there a specific time of day that the CSA boxes/bags would need to be delivered by?	There is not a specific time of day that bags/boxes would need to be delivered by. Child Care programs hours of operation often fall between 7:30am-5:30pm, so deliveries during that time frame would be best practice.