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Anthony Nertoli
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Dear Mr. Nertoli,

In reference to the proposed planning and drafting of an FDPIR Administrative Funding Formula and/or other funding methodology, the following "common denominators" among the entire FDPIR that should be considered in any funding methodology are:

- Existence of an Indian tribal FDPIR (small, medium or large)--this would be a base grant amount
- Number of participants served
- Number of food distribution sites (and/or food warehouses)
- Number of necessary personnel positions to operate the program optimally
- Tailgating and/or "door to door" delivery service expenses
- Maintenance expenses of delivery vehicles and other necessary equipment
- Existence of an ITO Nutrition component

Additional funding considerations that should be given within any funding methodology would be for the following expenses:

- Existence of a centralized receiving food warehouse(s)
- Existence of vehicle fleet maintenance shop
- Extra expenses necessary for long distance delivery services
- Existence of an In-Direct Cost Reimbursement agreement with the Federal Government

As indicated before, if given the opportunities, the Navajo Nation as a treaty tribe with a government-to-government relationship with the Federal Government has much to offer to the FDPIR in its plans and/or initiatives. This is our first (and hopefully not the last) input into the discussion on the funding methodology concept

Sincerely,

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