

Application Steps at a Glance:

Summer 2023 Non-Congregate Feeding Pilot Program

New and some existing Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) sites located in rural areas where there is little to no congregate summer service may be able to participate in TDA's Non-Congregate Feeding Pilot Program for Summer 2023. Approved sites can serve using a variety of distribution methods, including grab-and-go, mobile bus routes, and home delivery. Use the resources and steps below to determine eligibility and apply to become a non-congregate summer service site.

1) Determine CE Eligibility

- ✓ Private non-profits must have operated SFSP Sites in 2022
- ✓ School districts must successfully operate a school nutrition program
- ✓ No Serious Deficiency
- ✓ No Outstanding Corrective Actions
- ✓ No Money/Funds Owed to TDA

2) Determine Non-Congregate Site Type

A. New Site

CEs (Contracting Entities) that meet eligibility criteria will be approved to provide non-congregate service at new sites (sites not operating in Summer 2022) in allowable areas. Existing congregate sites must continue serving congregate meals.

OR

B. Switch Existing Site to Non-Congregate Service

School districts that reported a financial loss in the Summer Cost Report for 2022 may request to serve non-congregate meals at sites that operated congregate service in Summer 2022. A list of eligible school districts is available on the NC Pilot Program webpage. ^{1*}

3) Determine Site Location

The Non-Congregate Eligibility Map^{1*} can help determine where new summer non-congregate sites are eligible to operate. To be eligible, sites must:

- ✓ Be in a rural-designated county or in rural-designated census tract within urban-designated counties.
- ✓ Must be more than 2 miles away from a planned or existing congregate site.

NOTE: CEs should coordinate with other program providers if a 2022 site is noted within the 2-mile radius of the planned non-congregate site. Non-congregate service will not be approved if program operators plan to re-open a 2022 site in 2023.



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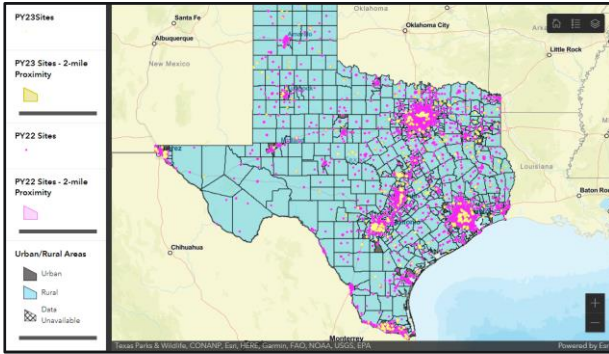


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3) Determine Site Location (Using the Non-Congregate Eligibility Map)



How to Read the Map

- 1) Zoom in to see the locations of approved PY23 sites (Yellow dot) and PY22 sites (Pink dot).
 - 2) Each approved site has a circle around it indicating a 2-mile radius from the site address.
 - 3) Blue areas are rural, while grey areas are urban.
- New sites **MUST** be located in a rural (Blue) area. Urban areas (Grey) are not eligible for non-congregate.
 - New sites **MUST NOT** be located within either a yellow circle or a pink circle (2-mile radius of approved congregate sites).
 - If the site meets the eligibility requirements and has an approved site application, you may submit a request to operate non-congregate service.

4) Submit Site Application for Proposed SFSP or SSO Site

All sites must be approved for congregate service via the standard application process before CEs can request to operate non-congregate service at that location. **Applications should be submitted in TX-UNPS.**

5) Apply to Operate a Non-Congregate Site

Once CE Eligibility is met, each site requesting to serve non congregate meals should apply on the NC Pilot Program Webpage ^{1*} "Request to Serve Non-Congregate Meals." TDA will notify CEs of approval or denial.

1* - NC Pilot Program Webpage URL - <https://squaremeals.org/Programs/Summer-Meal-Programs/Summer-2023-Non-Congregate-Feeding-Pilot-Program>



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