

Healthy Stores Refrigeration Grant Program

\$4.5M is available in grants through the California Department of Food & Agriculture to fund energy efficient refrigeration units in corner stores and small businesses in food deserts (low income areas with low access to full service grocery stores). Refrigerators should stock California-grown fresh produce, nuts and minimally processed foods.

The program aims to improve access to healthy food choices in the small retail environment for underserved communities, while promoting CAgrown agriculture.

Corner stores and small businesses may apply directly; or cities, counties and nonprofits may apply on behalf of the small businesses.

Participating businesses may choose the refrigeration units that work best for their needs – and are strongly encouraged to select the most energy efficient and climate friendly models available. Applications are due by email Thursday, April 25, 2019 by 5 pm PDT

Guidelines and application forms are available at http://cafarmtofork.com/hsrgp.html

Still have questions? Email <u>cafarmtofork@cdfa.ca.gov</u> or call (916) 900-5020

