



## Request for Session Proposals Narrative

The 2023 National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference (AHPC) is seeking exciting and innovative session proposals. The 2023 AHPC will be livestreamed from Washington D.C. on May 7-8, 2023. Session proposals are due Tuesday, March 7th 11:59 PM pacific time via this [application platform](#).

The AHPC, co-sponsored by Feeding America and the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), in cooperation with the National CACFP Forum, brings together thousands of attendees from across the country in two days of sessions, plenary sessions, and networking opportunities, followed by a Lobby Day. The conference draws anti-hunger and anti-poverty advocates; federal, state, and local government officials; child advocates; representatives of food banks and food rescue organizations; nutrition and health groups; and other people committed to ending hunger in America.

This year, we are building on last year's RFP process to select a number of sessions focused on highlighting innovative and impactful policy and advocacy work from around the country that strives to address hunger and its inequities. We invite you to submit a proposal for a 65 minute session with including time for questions that lifts up one of the below conference themes:

- **The Critical Role of the Federal Nutrition Programs in the White House's Plan to End Hunger by 2030:** The federal nutrition programs are among our nation's most important, proven, and cost-effective public interventions, and they must be bolstered if our nation is to eliminate hunger by 2030. We encourage proposals to build on one or more of the intersecting programs addressed in [the White House Conference plan to end hunger by 2030](#).
- **Addressing the Inequities and Root Causes that Fuel Who Experiences Hunger in America:** Black, Latinx, Native American, immigrant, and other communities disproportionately experienced the effects of the dual economic and health crises created by the COVID-19 pandemic, which ushered in unprecedented levels of economic insecurity and increasing financial instability. We encourage proposals to explore solutions fostered by collaboration, research, and equitable approaches.
- **Operational Innovations Emerging from the Pandemic:** Federal, state, and local programs and policies adjusted in response to the pandemic. We encourage proposals to highlight innovative solutions across food distribution models, federal nutrition procurement, tax credit and policy responses, and program modernizations as we continue to improve food access in the pandemic and beyond.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Sessions will follow the structure outlined below:

- Session blocks will be 65 minutes long including time for Q&A.
- Sessions are limited to no more than three speakers and a moderator.
- Session structure should use a panel format. Breakout sessions cannot be accommodated due to livestreaming.

Session Requirements and Review Process:

- Each session proposal must specify who will serve as the contact responsible for confirming all speakers and communicating details and logistics. This can be an administrative assistant or the moderator identified for the session.
- Each session proposal must reflect our session priorities outlined in the following section.
- In order to draw on diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences, all sessions must include at least one speaker or a moderator:
  - From racially or ethnically diverse backgrounds;
  - With lived expertise in hunger and poverty; and/or
  - From a community/communities disproportionately affected by food insecurity and poverty.
- Proposals will be reviewed and approved by a committee of people with lived expertise with hunger and poverty and national and state anti-hunger representatives. Submitters will be notified by email by the beginning of April if their session is selected.

If selected:

- Speakers will be notified of their acceptance status the week of March 27 – April 3.
- Speakers agree to help with publicity. Sample announcements for various media (such as Facebook and Twitter posts) will be available.
- The proposal contact agrees to provide the session slide deck by Friday, April 28th by 11:59 PM Pacific time.
- Conference registration fees will be comped for the day that the session occurs for speakers of sessions that are selected. There will be other scholarships available for individuals who wish to attend and are not presenting.
- For speakers with lived expertise with hunger and poverty, an honorarium will be available if your session is selected. Additional funds are available for other needs that may arise (e.g., transportation and hotel costs). Income will be taxable and speakers will receive a tax form (W-9) for reporting purposes. More information about the lived expertise honorarium will be provided upon session selection.

[Examples of last year's sessions can be found here](#)

## **SESSION PRIORITIES**

In addition to meeting the above requirements, preference will be given to session proposals that meet some or all of the below priorities.

### Session content

- Is appropriate and of interest for a *national audience* of advocates working to end hunger in America through anti-hunger and anti-poverty policies and programs; federal, state, local, and tribal government officials; child advocates; representatives of food banks and food rescue organizations; nutrition and health groups; educators; and other people and organizations committed to ending hunger in America.
- The selection committee will prioritize workshops that include an individual with lived expertise.
- The RFP review team will look to include proposals that highlight the impact of poverty related hunger on communities of color, immigrants, LGBTQ+, college students, etc. across all federal nutrition programs and intersecting support programs.
- Offers innovative ideas that can be replicated by other anti-hunger advocates and organizations across the country (in rural, urban, and suburban areas).
- Creates energetic welcoming spaces where all attendees feel safe and comfortable and speakers avoid the excessive use of academic jargon or acronyms.

### **We WILL NOT consider sessions that:**

- Promote new products, books, speaking tours, businesses, etc.
- Feature lecture-style presentations of just one speaker.
- Provide content or models that cannot be replicated in other parts of the country.
- Are not submitted using the online application system or are incomplete.

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If you need assistance with the application system, contact the AHPC Speaker Manager, [AHPCSpeakers@mmsmeetings.com](mailto:AHPCSpeakers@mmsmeetings.com)

## **Contact Information**

**The contact will receive all emails and correspondence regarding this submission.** They are responsible for contacting all other speakers and passing along any information FRAC, Feeding America, and/or conference consultants provide.

- First name
- Last name
- Email
- Organization / Affiliation

Along with profiles for each moderator and speaker, the submitter will be required to answer the following questions:

## **Session Details**

### **Theme**

Select the theme that your session best fits into.

- The Critical Role of the Federal Nutrition Programs in the White House's Plan to End Hunger by 2030
- Addressing the Inequities and Root Causes that Fuel Who Experiences Hunger in America
- Operational Innovations Emerging from the Pandemic

### **Federal Programs**

Will your session include any of the following federal programs? Select all that apply:

- Afterschool Meals/Summer Meals
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program or older adult nutrition programs
- Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)/Summer EBT
- School Lunch and/or Breakfast
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Session Components**

Will your session include content on any of the following components? Select all that apply, if applicable to your session:

- Advocacy skill building
- College hunger
- Communication strategies
- Data and measurement
- Engaging people with lived expertise
- Focus on specific populations. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- Food justice
- Grassroots movement building
- Health and nutrition
- Immigration
- LGBTQIA
- Racial justice
- Root causes of hunger
- Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed session title: \_\_\_\_\_ (25 words max)

Session Summary: Please provide a summary of your session that could be used for session promotion if your session is selected. (250 words max)

Session Flow and Content: Please describe the flow and content of your session including how it connects to the conference theme and key information that speakers will share. (500 words max)

Learning Objectives: Please provide 2-3 key points that participants will take away from the session. (250 words max)

OPTIONAL: Upload or link videos or other supporting materials that you wish to share with conference attendees.