



SNAP E&T Funding

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SNAP E&T in the Federal Budget Process



Federal Spending Classifications

- Mandatory – amounts determined and provided by authorizing statute (e.g. Social Security, Medicare)
- Discretionary – amounts determined and provided by annual appropriation bills (LIHEAP, WIC)
- **Appropriated Entitlements** – amounts largely determined by authorizing statute but provided by **annual appropriation** bills (**SNAP**, Child Nutrition)

Appropriations Process

1. Budget Formulation – President requests E&T funding
2. Congressional Action – Congress appropriates E&T funding
3. Budget Execution – States are allocated funds and operate E&T programs
4. Audit and Reporting – oversight and review

Takes 18+ months

Lots of folks involved – Agency, Dept, White House, Congress

Budget Formulation

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FISCAL YEAR 2023



May – Agency Budget Process begins

July – Agency Budget due to Department

August – Passback from Secretary

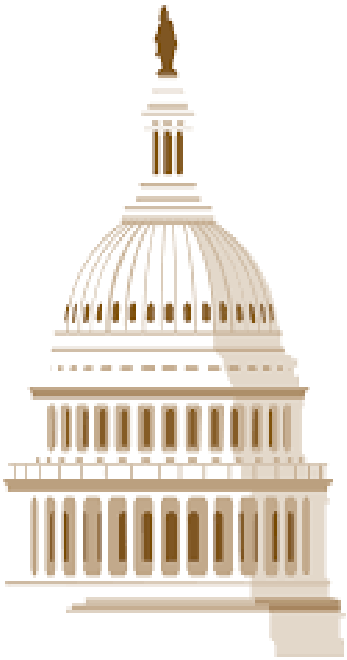
September – Department Budget goes to OMB

December – OMB passback to Agencies

February – President's Budget released

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/35-2023-FNS.pdf>

Congressional Action



February – April – Appropriations Hearings

March – Budget Committee drafts a Budget Resolution

May-June – House Subcommittees mark up

June – House passes Appropriations bills

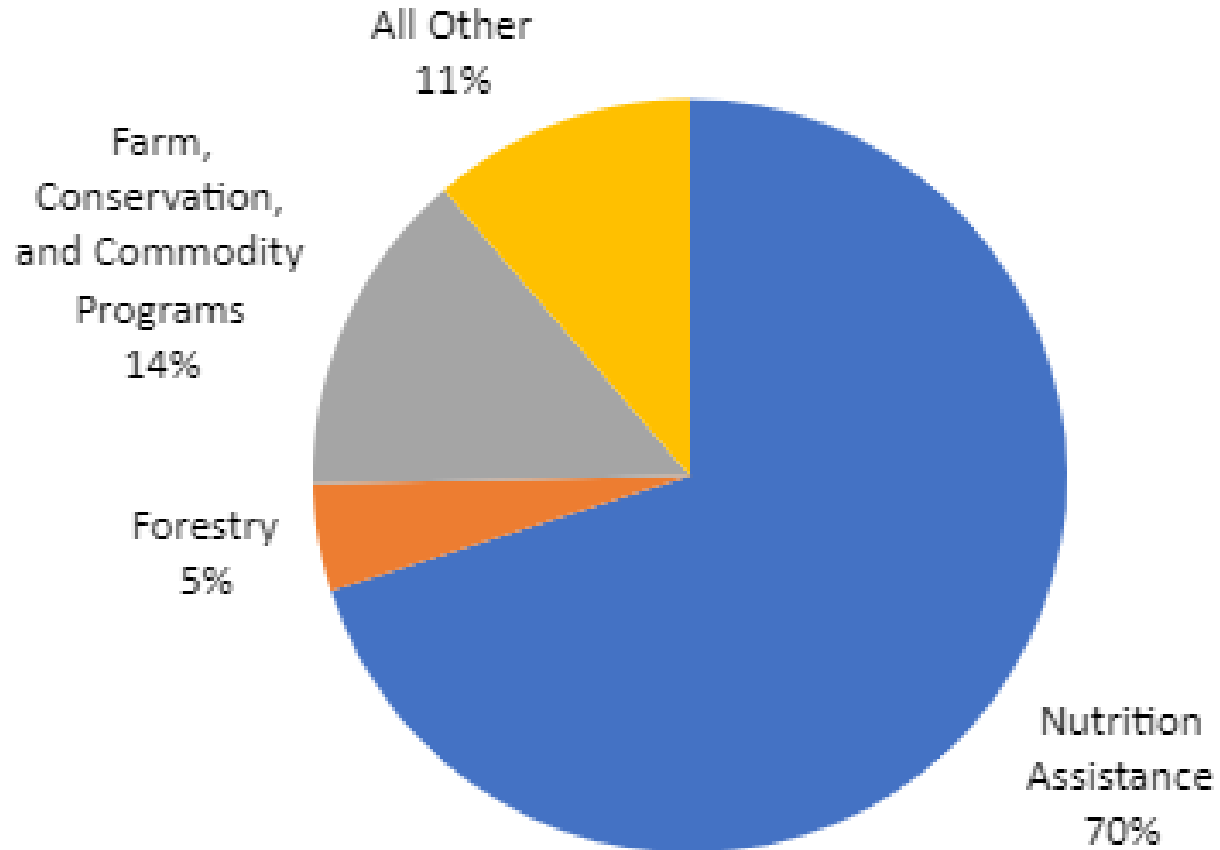
July – Senate Subcommittees mark up

Late July – Senate passes Appropriations Bills

September – House and Senate conference their bills

September 30 – Congress either passes Appropriations or Continuing Resolution

SNAP is the largest share of the USDA Budget



FY 2023 Budget Request

USDA \$196 billion

FNS \$146 billion

SNAP \$111 billion

E&T \$650 million

Determining E&T Spending

- 100% E&T – Section 16(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act
- 50% E&T – Estimated each year looking at:
 - Last year's spending
 - Projected inflation
 - Consultation with program

Item	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Enacted	2023 Budget	Inc. or Dec.
Employment and Training, Federal Funds 100%	123,900	123,900	123,900	123,900	0
Employment and Training, 50%	489,794	501,878	511,929	525,935	+14,006

So, where's the money?

FY 2023:

- Continuing Resolution through until December 16
- Final appropriation still needed

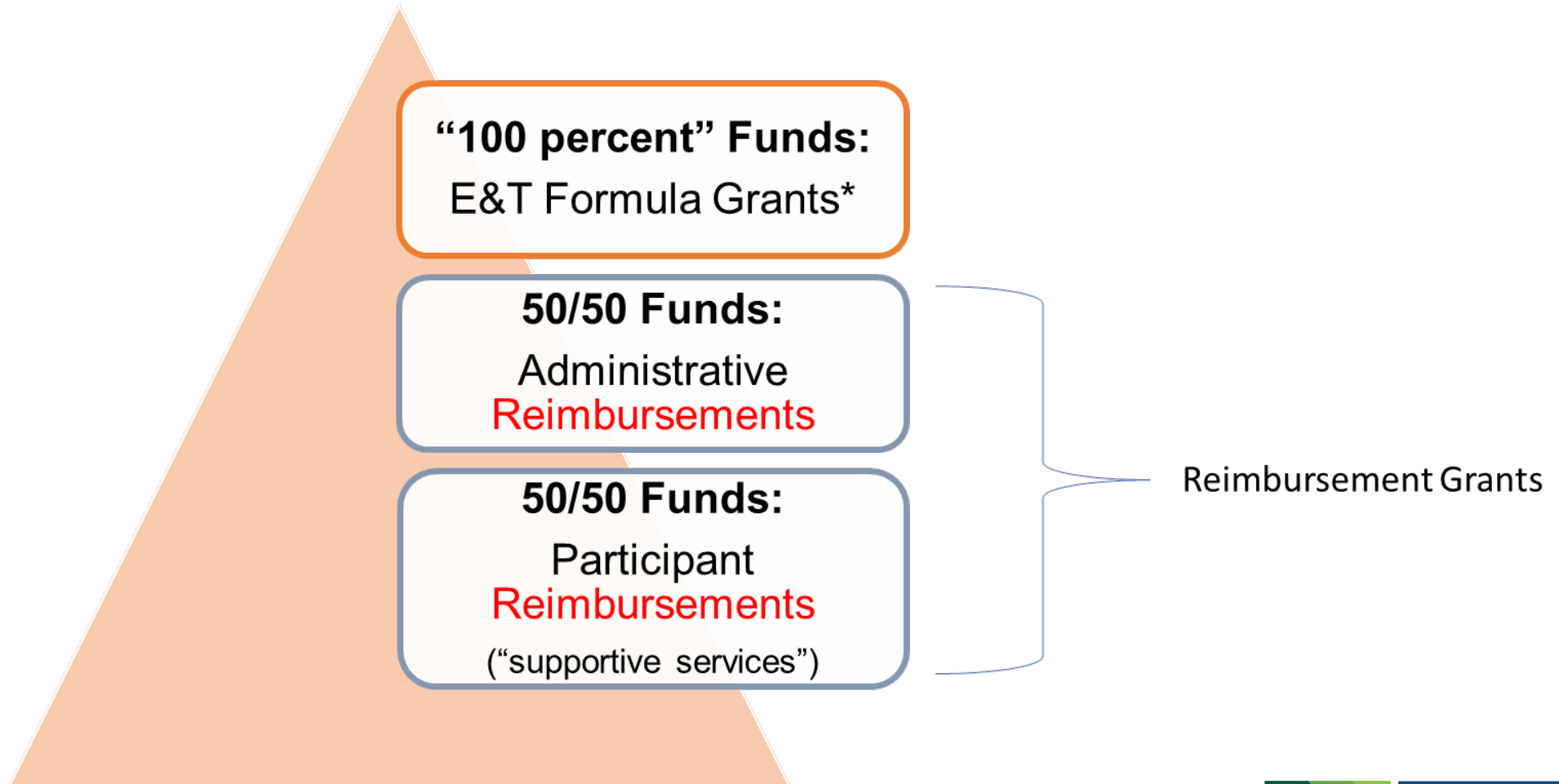
FY 2024:

- Department request currently under OMB review
- Release expected in February

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SNAP E&T Funding: A Snapshot



** States that agree to serve all childless adults in the state receive a proportionate share of \$20 million in addition to the formula grant.*

Purpose and Use of E&T Funds

100 Percent Federal Funds

- **E&T Grant Funds**

Administrative costs of planning, implementing and operating an E&T program in accordance with approved E&T State Plan.

(7 CFR 273.7(d)(1))

- **ABAWD Pledge Funds:**

Costs related to ensuring availability of education, training or workfare opportunities that permit ABAWDs to remain eligible beyond the 3-month time limit.

(7 CFR 273.7(d)(3))

50/50 Funds

- **Administrative funds**

Same purpose as 100 percent funds - administrative costs associated with operating E&T program.

(7 CFR 273.7(d)(2))

- **Participant Reimbursements**

Reasonably necessary and directly related to participation in E&T.

(7 CFR 273.7(d)(4))

- Dependent Care
- Transportation/Other



Allocation of E&T 100 Percent Funds

100 Percent Funds

(\$103.9 million)

- 90 percent based on State's relative percentage of nationwide work registrants (FNS-583 data);
- 10 percent based on State's relative percentage of nationwide ABAWDs. Determined by QC data for most recently completed FY.
- \$100,000 minimum allocation

ABAWD Pledge Funds

(\$20 million)

- Based on pledging State's relative percentage of ABAWDs to all pledging States. Determined by QC data for most recently available completed FY.

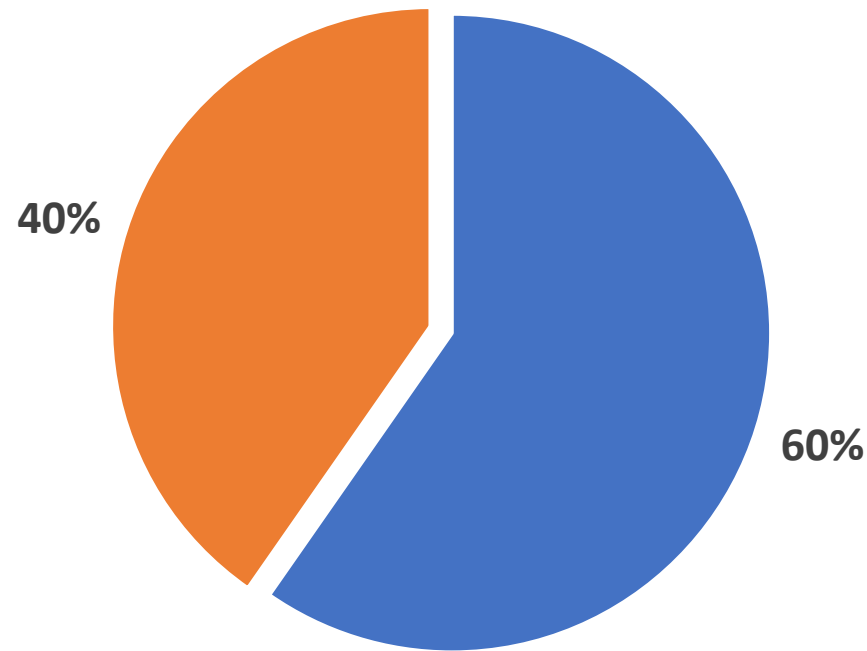
50/50 Targets

- Average of past 3 FY actual State agency **expenditures**
- Includes Administrative and Participant Reimbursement Costs
- A proportion to total for each State is calculated
- Target level is determined by applying State proportion to overall funding level for the fiscal year
- Adjustments to target – No State target is:
 - Is Less than \$10,000.
 - Less than 20% of previous year **expenditure** total
 - More than 200% of previous year **expenditure** total

50/50 Funds Approval Process

- Initial State Plan approved for State agency budgeted amount, up to target.
- Amounts above target are pended and are considered after all initial State Plans are in place.
- Total requests above target compared against FNS appropriation authority.
- In rare instances, where requests exceed budget authority, FNS may partially approve while seeking increased budget authority.

National E&T Spending – FY 2021



■ Federal share ■ Non-Federal Share

Federal Expenditures:
\$325 million

Non-federal (State/local)
expenditures: \$220 million

In FY 2021 States requested
\$454 million in Federal 50/50
funds.

Reallocation of Funds Food and Nutrition Act of 2008

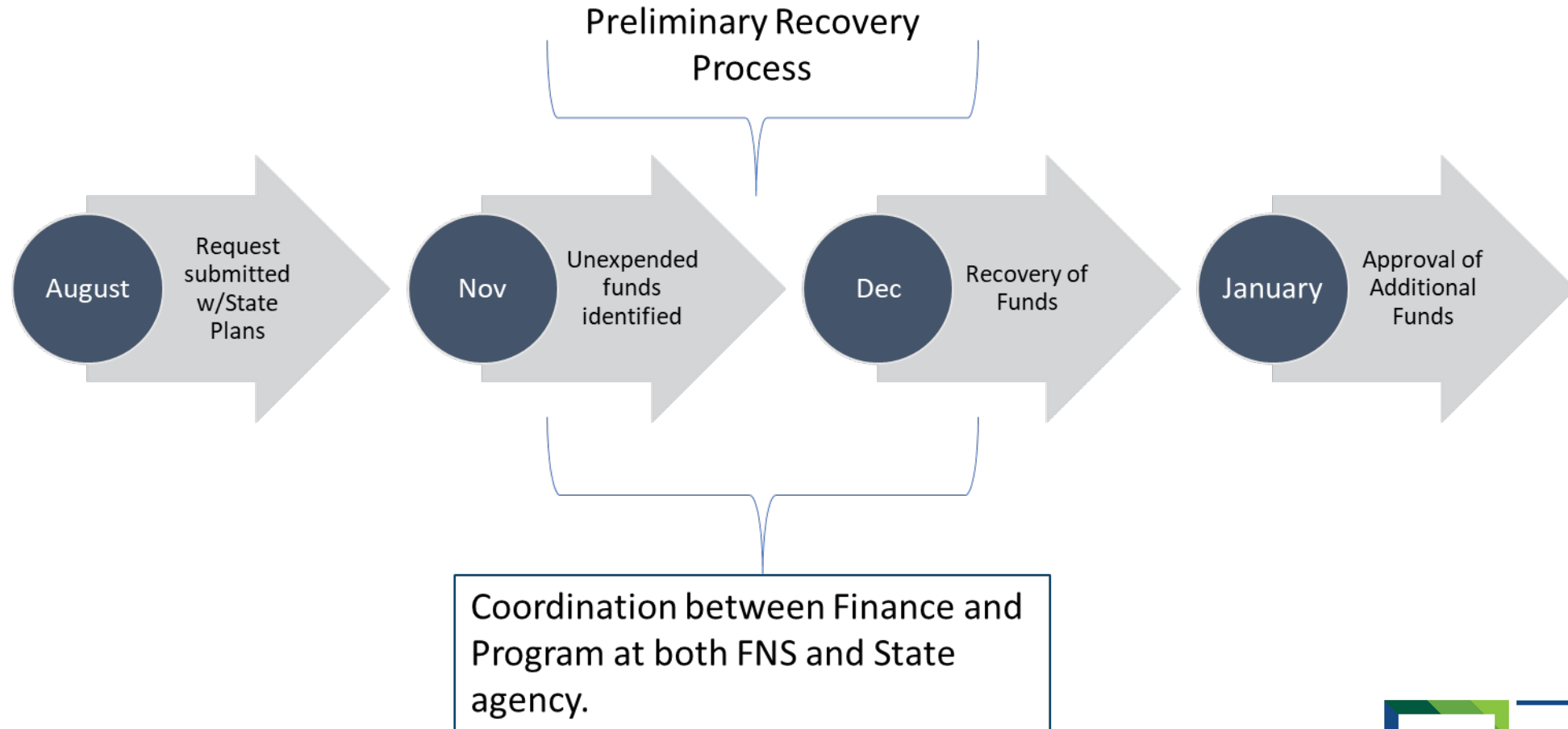
- Section 16(h)(1)
 - Funds available to FNS for 2 years
 - Unexpended funds be reallocated during FY or subsequent FY
 - Timing: must be reallocated giving States at least 270 days to expend before end of FY.
 - Established Priorities for Reallocated Funds and specified set-asides

Reallocation Priorities in Act

Of funds available for reallocation:

- @ least 50 percent to 2014 E&T Pilot States for continuing pilot programs/activities
- @ least 30 percent to State agencies requesting funds to implement or continue E&T programs/activities targeting highly barriered populations
- Remaining funds for other E&T programs/activities
- Most demonstrable impact on ability of participants to find and retain employment that leads to increased household income and reduced reliance on public assistance.

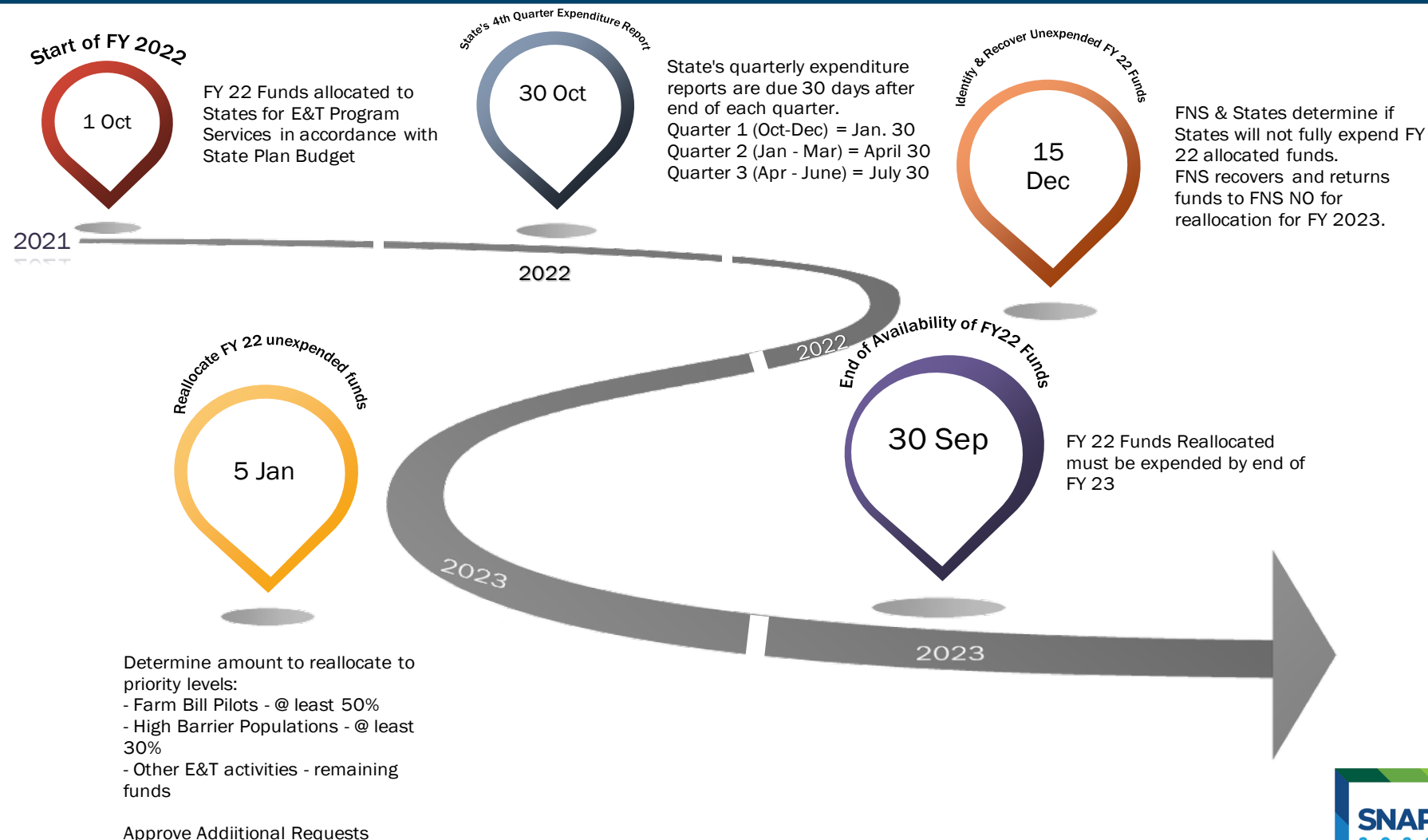
Reallocation of Funds Timeline



Preliminary Recovery Process

- Established in order to recover unexpended 100 percent funds from States to ensure that funds are available to fulfill States request for additional funds.
- By November 30th: FNS request States to provide an estimate of unexpended 100 percent funds.
- State agencies should be confident that funds identified are not needed to cover any previous FY expenditures.

Recovery and Reallocation Milestones – FY 2022 Example



Requests for Additional Funds

- Need for additional funds should be considered during State Plan development.
- Request is submitted at same time as State Plan.
- Additional funds should not be in State Plan budget until requests are approved.
- Request template link: [E&T State Plan Handbook | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

Additional Funds Request Key Points

- Must indicate the priority category. (e.g. 2014 Farm Bill Pilots)
- If applying under multiple categories, indicate the amount of funds for each priority.
- Provide brief, but concise details on planned use for funds.
 - ✓ New or existing services
 - ✓ Partners involved
 - ✓ Location services will be delivered (Statewide, specific counties/cities)
 - ✓ Projected cost
- Evidence services have impact on participant's obtain/retaining employment that leads to increased income.
 - ✓ [Best Practices in the SNAP Employment and Training Program: 2016–2020 | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#)
 - ✓ [Considerations for Improving Participant Experiences in the USDA SNAP Employment and Training \(SNAP E&T\) Programs: Lessons from the SNAP E&T Pilots | Food and Nutrition Service](#)
 - ✓ Annual Report data

State Plans Role

- Strategic plan AND annual Budget plan
 - Use of funds
 - Establishes funds, both federal and non-federal funds, needed to deliver planned E&T services
- 50/50 funds
 - Realistic budget projections based on historical expenditures
 - Encourage States to request funds throughout FY necessary to expand/enhance services, while being as realistic as possible.
- Budget Projection Statement (Form 366A)
 - Aligns with State Plan
 - Provides quarterly breakdown for each funding source
- Anytime funding level changes – plan and 366A must be updated

Questions

