

Section I: Applicant Information

A) Applicant Information – Company Receiving Benefit:

Project Name: FeedMore New Build (Office / Commissary / Warehouse)

Applicant Name: FeedMore WNY Foundation, Inc.

Applicant Address: 100 James E. Casey Drive

Applicant Address 2: _____

Applicant City: Buffalo Applicant State: NY Applicant Zip: 14206

Phone: 716-822-2002 Fax: 716-822-0517

Website: www.feedmorewny.org Email: rleidenfrost@feedmorewny.org

Federal ID #: [REDACTED] NAICS: [REDACTED]

State and Year or Incorporation/Organization: 2019 / NY; Predecessors: Meals on Wheels of Buffalo + Erie County Foundation, Inc. (1994/NY) and (name change) Meals on Wheels Foundation of Western New York, Inc. (2000/NY)

Will a Real Estate Holding Company be utilized to own the Project property/facility? Yes No

What is the name of the Real Estate Holding Company: N/A

Federal ID #: N/A

State and Year or Incorporation/Organization: N/A

List of stockholders members, or partners of Real Estate Holding Company

N/A

B) Individual Completing Application:

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Title: Executive Vice President, People & Projects

Address: 100 James E. Casey Drive

Address 2: _____

City: Buffalo State: NY Zip: 14206

Phone: 716-822-2002 ext. 3093

Email: rleidenfrost@feedmorewny.org

C) Company Contact (if different from individual completing application)

Name: Tara A. Ellis

Title: President & CEO

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Address 2 : _____

City: Buffalo State: NY Zip: 14206

Phone: 716-822-2002 ext. 3098 Fax: 716-822-0517

Email: tellis@feedmorewny.org

D) Company Counsel:

Name of Attorney: Richard A. Grimm III, Esq.

Firm Name: Magavern, Magavern, Grimm LLP Attorneys

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E) Assistance being requested of the Agency (select all that apply):

- 1. Exemption from Sales Tax
- 2. Exemption from Mortgage Tax
- 3. Exemption from Real Property Tax
- 4. Tax Exempt Financing *

*typically for not-for-profits & small qualified manufacturers

F) Business Organization (check appropriate category)

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Corporation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> | Joint Venture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sole Proprietorship | <input type="checkbox"/> | Limited Liability Company | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Type of Business: Non-profit human services organization incorporated in NYS / social services

Type of Ownership: Not For Profit Corporation 501c3
 Year Established: 1995
 State of Organization: NYS

G) List all stockholders, members, partners with % of ownership greater than 20%:

Name	% of ownership
N/A	

H) Applicant Business Description

Describe in detail company background, products, customers, good and services. Description is critical in determining eligibility:

FeedMore Western New York, Inc. is the merged entity of the Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for WNY, which was fully and legally merged as of 12/31/2019. The FeedMore WNY Foundation (formerly the Meals on Wheels Foundation of WNY), provides financial support for the mission of FeedMore WNY through fundraising and also owns major organizational assets, which includes the land on Camp Road in Hamburg and will include the new campus, for which construction will begin in Spring 2024.

FeedMore WNY assists community members of all ages facing food insecurity through a variety of programs, including our food bank distribution network, prepared meal services, RISE workforce development programs and a wide variety of other targeted feeding programs. In 2022, FeedMore WNY provided nutritional assistance to approximately 197,500 community members across our four-county service area (Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua). FeedMore WNY's commercial kitchen prepares approximately 1.4 million meals each year for our home-delivered meal clients and for our community dining program. As well, we distribute more than 12 million pounds of food each year to our network of nearly 400 hunger-relief agencies and programs, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and more.

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Estimated % of sales within County: _____

Estimated % of sales outside County but within New York State _____

Estimated % of sales outside New York State but within the U.S _____

Estimated % of sales outside of U.S _____

(Percentage to equal 100%)

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I) What percentage of your total annual supplies, raw materials and vendor services are purchased from firms in the Town of Hamburg? Include list of vendors, raw material suppliers and percentages for each. Provide supporting documentation including estimated percentage of local purchases.

*the Local Labor Area is defined in the Local Labor Policy attachment

Section II: Project Description and Details

A) Project Location:

Municipality or Municipalities of current operations: Primary facilities are in Buffalo, NY (JEC Drive, Holt Street)

Will the Proposed Project be located within the Municipality, or Municipalities, identified above?

Yes No

In which municipality will the proposed project be located: The new facility will be located in Hamburg, NY, which is the geo-center of our four-county service area.

Provide the property address of the proposed project:

Address : 4832 Camp Road, Hamburg, NY 14075

Will the completion of the Project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state OR in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the State?

Yes No

If the proposed project is located in a different Municipality than the Municipality in which current operations are being undertaken, is it expected that any of the facilities in any other Municipality will be closed or be subject to reduced activity?

Yes No

If Yes, you will need to complete Section II (Q) and Section IV of this Application.

SBL Number for Property upon which proposed project will be located: SBL 170.00-3-4.100

What are the current real estate taxes on the proposed project site: \$18,684.49

Assessed value of Land \$194,600

Describe the reasons why the Agency's Financial Assistance is necessary, and how the Financial Assistance enables the company to undertake the Project to facilitate investment, job creation and /or job retention.

FeedMore WNY is a not-for-profit organization. This is by far the largest capital expense the organization has ever undertaken and it is a request based in need (not want) – due to deteriorating conditions at the two legacy organizations, an inability to grow in place, significant increases in community need today, and long-term projections in need for the future that we will not be able to meet based on current operations.

The organization is two-plus years in to a capital campaign (with a public phase that launched in fall 2023). Many community partners, government groups, foundations, and individual donors have demonstrated their support for this critical project by making a commitment to the campaign. However, with a goal to meet of \$99.8 million dollars, we will need every bit of community support we are able to secure. Any increase in financing or other costs will limit the amount of funds we are able to invest into food and services for a community in need

Please confirm by checking the box below if there is likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the Financial Assistance provided by the Agency

X Yes No

If the Applicant is unable to obtain Financial Assistance for the Project, what will be the impact on the Applicant and the Town of Hamburg and Erie County.

N/A, the organization must raise adequate funds and supports from all partners and community supporters to proceed with the project. If funding can not be raised in the required timeframe, the organization will have to adjust timeframes (which would be a significant challenge given the constraints of the current facilities) and/or take out debt to complete the project, which will limit the amount of funds we are able to invest into food and services for a community in need while that debt is being serviced.

Will Project include leasing any equipment: X Yes No

If yes, please describe equipment and lease terms

Minimally, the organization will be leasing the equipment that it does today, such as office copiers and select commissary equipment (e.g., the tray system for the hot meals). Our commercial fleet is also a mix of purchased and leased vehicles. Depending on the bids we receive from various vendors during the next phase of work, there may be additional leasing, though we anticipate the majority of equipment will be purchased.

Site Characteristics:

Will the project meet zoning/land use requirements at the proposed location? X Yes No

Describe the present zoning/land use: M2 – Light Industrial – Permitted Use

Describe required zoning/land use, if different: N/A

If a change in zoning/land use is required, please provide details/status of any request for change of zoning/land use requirements

N/A

Is the proposed project located on a site where the known or potential presence of contaminants is complicating the development/use of the property? If yes, please explain

No

Has a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment been prepared or will one be prepared with respect to the proposed project site? Yes No. If yes, please provide a copy.

C) Have any other studies or assessments been undertaken with respect to the proposed project site that indicate the known or suspected presence of contamination that would complicate the site's development? Yes No.

If yes, please provide copies of the study.

If you are purchasing new machinery and equipment, does it provide demonstrable energy efficiency benefits?

We will be re-using equipment wherever realistic and feasible to save money. However, a significant amount of equipment will need to be purchased. We are expecting bids prior to the end of 2023 and will be making vendor decisions in early 2024. We will certainly be keeping energy efficiency in mind with both the building of the new campus as well as the procurement of the appropriate equipment to fully operate in our new facility.

You may also attach additional information about the machinery and equipment at the end of the application.

Does or will the company or project occupant perform research and development activities on new products/services at the project location? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

What percentage of annual operating expenses are attributed to the above referenced research and development activities?

N/A

Select Project Type for all end users at project site (you may check more than one):

Will customers personally visit the Project site for either of the following economic activities? If yes with respect to either economic activity indicated below, complete the retail determination contained in Section IV of the application.

Pease check any and all end users as identified below.

Retail Sales: Yes No

Services: Yes No

For purposes of this question, the term "retail sales" means (i) sales by a registered vendor under Article 28 of the Tax Law of the State of New York (the "Tax Law") primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property (as defined in Section 1101 (b)(4)(i) of the Tax Law), or (ii) sales of a service to customers who personally visit the Project.

Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Back Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquisition of Existing Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Use	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment Purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facility for Aging	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-Tenant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Civic Facility (not for profit)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

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D) Project Information:

Estimated costs in connection with Project:

1. Land and/or Building Acquisition:	\$ <u>2,960,000</u>
<u>74.4</u> acres _____ square feet	
2. New Building Construction: <u>218,477</u> square feet	\$ <u>78,995,595</u>
3. New Building Addition(s): _____ square feet	\$ _____
4. Infrastructure Work	\$ _____
5. Renovation: _____ square feet	\$ _____
6. Manufacturing Equipment:	\$ <u>10,672,828</u>
7. Non-Manufacturing Equipment (furniture, fixtures, etc.):	\$ <u>789,707</u>
8. Soft Costs: (professional services, etc.):	\$ <u>6,411,570</u>
9. Other : _____	\$ _____
	Total Costs: \$ <u>99,829,700</u>

* The above numbers are best estimates as of current. They will be finalized after the bid process and vendor selection work is complete.

Project refinancing, estimated amount:
(for refinancing of existing debt only)

\$ 0

Have any of the above costs been paid or incurred as of the date of this application?

Yes No

If yes, describe the particulars:

Sources of Funds for Project Costs:

Bank Financing:	\$ _____
Equity (excluding equity that is attributed to grants/tax credits):	\$ <u>33,579,700</u>
Tax Exempt Bond Issuance (if applicable):	\$ <u>40,000,000</u>
Taxable Bond Issuance (if applicable):	\$ _____
Public Sources (include sum total of all state and federal grants and tax credits):	\$ <u>26,250,000</u>

Identify each state and federal grant/credit:

<u>Urban Development Corp Grant</u>	\$ <u>24,000,000</u>
<u>DASNY</u>	\$ <u>250,000</u>
<u>Federal Earmarks (HUD), Chris Jacobs</u>	\$ <u>2,000,000</u>
_____	\$ _____

Total Sources of Funds for Project Costs: \$ 99,829,700

Has a financing preapproval letter or loan commitment letter been obtained? Yes No

Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit:

Estimated mortgage amount (sum total of all financing- construction and bridge). \$40,000,000

Amount of mortgage, if any, that would be subject to mortgage recording tax. \$40,000,000

Estimated Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption Benefit (product of mortgage amount as indicated above multiplied by .0075) \$ 300,000

Name of Lender (if known) _____

Construction Cost Breakdown:

Total Cost of Construction: \$ 90,458,130 (This can be a calculation of sum 2,3,4,5, 7 in D (above))

Cost for materials: \$ _____
% sourced in Town of Hamburg _____ %
% sourced in Erie County _____ %
% sourced in New York State _____ %

Gross amount of costs for goods and services that are subject to State and Local Sales and Use Tax – said amount to benefit from the Agency’s Sales and Use Tax Exemption Benefit:

\$ _____

Not for profit entity

Estimated State and Local Sales Tax and Use Benefit (product of 8.75% multiplied by the figure above):

Not for profit entity

\$ _____

**Note that the estimate provided above will be provided to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. The Applicant acknowledges that the transaction documents may include a covenant by the Applicant to undertake the total amount of investment as proposed within this Application, and that the estimate above represents the maximum amount of sales and use tax benefit that the Agency may authorize with respect to this Application. The Agency may utilize the estimate above as well as the proposed total Project Costs as contained within this Application, to determine the Financial Assistance that will be offered.*

Real Property Tax Benefit:

Identify and describe if the Project will utilize a real property tax exemption benefit OTHER THAN the Agency’s PILOT benefit:

Not for profit entity

E) For the proposed facility, please indicate the square footage for each of the uses outlined below:

	Square Footage	Cost	% of Total Cost of Project
Manufacturing	60,341	\$32,052,440	35%
Warehouse	73,163	\$27,508,930	31%
Research and Development			
Commercial			
Retail			
Office	84,973	\$30,896,760	34%
Specify Other			

If you are undertaking new construction or renovations, are you seeking LEED certification from the US Green Building council? Yes No

If you answered yes to the question above, what level of LEED certification do you anticipate receiving?

Provide estimate of additional construction cost as a result of LEED certification you are seeking

Will project result in significant utility infrastructure cost or uses: Yes No

F) What is your project timetable (Provide Dates):

1. Start Date: acquisition of equipment or construction of facilities: 4/1/2024
2. Estimated completion date of project: 12/1/25
3. Project Occupancy – estimated starting date of operations: 2/1/26

* The above dates are all based on the preliminary schedule, which will be finalized at the end of the bid phase.

4. Have construction contracts been signed? Yes No
5. Have site plans been submitted to the appropriate planning department?
 Yes No

Has the Project received site plan approval from the appropriate planning department? Yes No

- G) Is the project necessary to expand project employment: Yes No
 Is the project necessary to retain existing employment: Yes No

Employment Plan (Specific to the proposed project location):

	Current # of jobs at proposed location or to be relocated at project location	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PTE jobs to be RETAINED	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PTE jobs to be CREATED two years after Project completion	Estimate number of residents of the Labor Market Area in which the Project is located that will fill the FTE and PTE jobs to be created two years after Project completion
Full Time (FTE)	154	154	25	25
Part Time (PTE)	71	71		
Total	225	225		

*For purpose of this question, please estimate the number of FTE and PTE jobs that will be filled, as indicated in the third column, by residents of the Labor Market Area, in the fourth column. The Labor Market Area includes the Town of Hamburg and balance of Erie County as well as the following areas: Column 4 and 5 100% filled by local residents

**By statute, Agency staff must project the number of FTE jobs that would be retained and created if the request for Financial Assistance is granted. Agency staff will project such jobs over the Two-year time period following Project completion. Agency staff converts PTE jobs into FTE jobs by dividing the number of PTE jobs by two (2).

Salary and Fringe Benefits for Jobs to be Retained and Created:

Category of Jobs to be Retained and Created	#of employee Retained and created	Average salary for full time	Average fringe benefits for full time	Average salary for part time (if applicable)	Average Fringe Benefits for part time (if applicable)
Management	35	\$81,585	\$24,475	\$0	\$0
Professional	27	\$48,668	\$14,600	\$15,210	\$4,563
Administrative	22	\$43,709	\$13,112	\$12,820	\$3,845
Production	40	\$37,911	\$11,373	\$17,680	\$5,304
Independent Contractor	0	0	0	0	0
Other	101	\$35,130	\$10,539	\$8,843	\$2,653

Employment at other locations in the Town of Hamburg or- Erie County (provide address and number of employees at each location):

	100 James E. Casey Drive, Buffalo, NY 14206	91 Holt Street, Buffalo, NY 14206	23 sites in Erie County for Home-Delivered Meals (various addresses)
Full Time	107	45	
Part Time	3	2	58
Total	110	47	58

H) Will any of the facilities described above be closed or subject to reduced activity? Yes No

It is the intent of FeedMore WNY to sell the warehouse and office at 91 Holt Street in the city of Buffalo. The office and warehouse at 100 James E. Casey Drive may be maintained for a period of time (to be determined) to serve as a back-up / emergency facility for food production and training. The end goal of the new campus is to have the vast majority of our employees in one location and to have enough space to expand programs, develop new programs, and to stop borrowing warehouse and storage space from partners throughout WNY. (FYI that some employees work in the field or at the ancillary warehouse in Falconer, NY. Today, we borrow nearly 30,000 square feet in space from others.)

The Facilities Committee – which included board members, senior staff, construction experts and others – looked for two years to find a greenfield location or food production facility that could be repurposed to meet our needs in terms of acreage or square footage for the immediate future and for the long-term future so that additional growth does not necessitate a move. There were no suitable locations found in the city of Buffalo, which is when the group pivoted to a location in the geographic center of our four-county service area that was also close to highways and no more than a 10-to-15 minute additional drive for employees who live north of the new location.

Do you anticipate in applying for any other assistance for this project? Yes No

If yes what type of assistance (Historic Tax Credits, 485-a, Grants, Utility Loans, Energy Assistance, Workforce Training)

New Market Tax Credits

Section III: facility Type – Single or Multi-Tenant

Is this a Single Use Facility or a Multi-Tenant Facility? Single Use Facility

For Single Use Facility

Occupant Name: FeedMore WNY Foundation, Inc.

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Fax 716-822-0517
E-Mail rleidenfrost@feedmorewny.org
Federal ID # 16-1475486
SIC/NAICS Code 624210

Multi-Tenant Facility (to be filled out by developer)

Please explain what market conditions support the construction of this multi-tenant facility

Have any tenant leases been entered into for this project?

If yes, please fill out a tenant form in section VII, for each tenant.

Section IV: Tenant Information

Section V: Environmental Questionnaire

Address of Premises. 4832 Camp Road, Hamburg, NY 14075

Name and Address of Owner of Premises. FeedMore WNY, 100 James E. Casey Drive, Buffalo, NY 14206

Describe the general features of the Premises (include terrain, location of wetlands, coastlines, rivers, streams, lakes, etc.).

The land is a 74.4-acre greenfield with two areas of wetlands, that will be avoided during construction. There is an anticipated modest impact on an ephemeral stream on the property (which is seasonal). We are meeting all of the requirements of the town, and minimizing impact on tree removal, etc.

Describe the Premises (including the age and date of construction of any improvements) and each of the operations or processes carried out on or intended to be carried on at the Premises.

The project will construct a new 218,477 SF state-of-the-art, energy efficient pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) facility and 34 acre campus for FeedMore WNY to manage production and delivery of fresh-made, nutrition home delivered meals as well as congregate meals for individuals in need in four counties (Erie, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Niagara counties). The organization also provides food bank services along with a host of other programs related to nutritional education, fresh produce access, workforce development training and more. In addition to the main facility, there is a truck wash building for the vehicle fleet, an outdoor pavilion and restroom building, a garden storage building and provisions for an all season greenhouse. Thirty-four acres of the 74.4 acres undeveloped greenfield will be developed.

Describe all known former uses of the Premises. N/A

Does any person, firm or corporation other than the owner occupy the Premises or any part of it?

There is a cell tower on the back of the property, that has a long-term lease on it with an associated easement for single-road access.

If yes, please identify them and describe their use of the property.

Have there been any spills, releases or unpermitted discharges of petroleum, hazardous substances, chemicals or hazardous wastes at or near the Premises? No

If yes, describe and attach any incident reports and the results of any investigations.

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Has the Premises or any part of it ever been the subject of any enforcement action by any federal, state or local government entity, or does the preparer of this questionnaire have knowledge of: a) any current federal, state or local enforcement actions; b) any areas of non-compliance with any federal, state or local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations associated with operations over the past 12 months?. No

If yes, please state the results of the enforcement action (consent order, penalties, no action, etc.) and describe the circumstances.

Has there been any filing of a notice of citizen suit, or a civil complaint or other administrative or criminal procedure involving the Premises? No

If yes, describe in full detail.

Solid And Hazardous Wastes And Hazardous Substances

Does any activity conducted or contemplated to be conducted at the premises generate, treat or dispose of any petroleum, petroleum-related products, solid and hazardous wastes or hazardous substances? No

If yes, provide the Premises' applicable EPA (or State) identification number.

Have any federal, state or local permits been issued to the Premises for the use, generation and/or storage of solid and hazardous wastes? No

If yes, please provide copies of the permits.

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Identify the transporter of any hazardous and/or solid wastes to or from the Premises

Identify the solid and hazardous waste disposal or treatment facilities which have received wastes from the Premises for the past two (2) years.

Does or is it contemplated that there will occur at the Premises any accumulation or storage of any hazardous wastes on-site for disposal for longer than 90 days?

If yes, please identify the substance, the quantity and describe how it is stored.

Discharge Into Waterbodies

Briefly describe any current or contemplated industrial process discharges (including the approximate volume, source, type and number of discharge points). Please provide copies of all permits for such discharges.

The project will have 15.47 acres of impervious surface out of a 74.4 acres parcel size. Culverts and vegetated swales will be used to direct stormwater to on site management areas. The vast majority of stormwater runoff will be directed into on-site stormwater management basins consisting of a forebay, bioretention basin and detention basing. The remaining runoff will be directed over vegetated swales and filter strips before entering existing on-site delineated wetlands.

The truck wash (for internal use only) relies on a recyclable system for water capture and re-use.

The new operation will use approximately 1,000 gallons of water per day; this is 100% sanitary waste water, which will be treated by Erie County Sewer District No. 3, which has capacity.

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Identify all sources of discharges of water, including discharges of waste water, process water, contact or noncontact cooling water, and storm water. Attach all permits relating to the same. Also identify any septic tanks on site.

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Is any waste discharged into or near surface water or groundwaters?

If yes, please describe in detail the discharge including not only the receiving water's classification, but a description of the type and quantity of the waste.

Air Pollution

Are there or is it contemplated that there will be any air emission sources that emit contaminants from the Premises? No

If yes, describe each such source, including whether it is a stationary combustion installation, process source, exhaust or ventilation system, incinerator or other source.

Are any of the air emission sources permitted?

If yes, attach a copy of each permit.

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Storage Tanks

List and describe all above and underground storage tanks at the Premises used to store petroleum or gasoline products, or other chemicals or wastes, including the contents and capacity of each tank. Please also provide copies of any registrations/permits for the tanks. N/A

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Have there been any leaks, spills, releases or other discharges (including loss of inventory) associated with any of these tanks?

If yes, please provide all details regarding the event, including the response taken, all analytical results or reports developed through investigation (whether internal or external), and the agencies which were involved.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls ("PCB" or "PCBs") And Asbestos

Provide any records in your possession or known to you to exist concerning any on-site PCBs or PCB equipment, whether used or stored, and whether produced as a byproduct of the manufacturing process or otherwise.

Remind me to upload this attachment at the end of application. N/A

Have there been any PCB spills, discharges or other accidents at the Premises? No

If yes, relate all the circumstances.

Do the Premises have any asbestos containing materials? No

If yes, please identify the materials.

Section VI: Inter-Municipal Move Determination

The Agency is required by state law to make a determination that, if completion of a Project benefiting from Agency Financial Assistance results in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, Agency Financial Assistance is required to prevent the project occupant from relocating out of the state, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the project occupant's competitive position in its respective industry.

Will the Project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the Project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state? Yes No

Will the Project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Project occupant located within the state? Yes No – Building will be for sale / sold

*If yes to either question explain how, notwithstanding the aforementioned closing or activity reduction the Agency's Financial Assistance is required to prevent the Project from relocating out of the State, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the Project occupant's competitive position in its respective industry:

Does the Project involve relocation or consolidation of a project occupant from another municipality?

Within New York State: Yes No

Within Erie County: Yes No

*If yes to either question, please explain: _____

What are some of the key requirements the project occupant is looking for in a new site? (For example, minimum sq. ft., 12 foot ceilings, truck loading docks etc.)

If the project occupant is currently located in Erie County and will be moving to a different municipality within Erie County, has the project occupant attempted to find a suitable location within the municipality in which it is currently located?

What factors have lead the project occupant to consider remaining or locating in Erie County?

If the current facility is to be abandoned, what is going to happen to the current facility that project occupant is located in?

Please provide a list of properties considered, and the reason they were not adequate. (Some examples include: site not large enough, layout was inappropriate, did not have adequate utility service, etc.) Please include full address for locations.

Section VII: Adaptive Reuse Projects

Are you applying for tax incentives under the Adaptive Reuse Program? NO

What is the age of the structure (in years)?

Has the structure been vacant or underutilized for a minimum of 3 years? (Underutilized is defined as a minimum of 50% of the rentable square footage of the structure being utilized for a use for which the structure was not designed or intended)

If vacant, number of years vacant.

If underutilized, number of years underutilized.

Describe the use of the building during the time it has been underutilized:

Is the structure currently generating insignificant income? (Insignificant income is defined as income that is 50% or less than the market rate income average for that property class)

If yes, please provide dollar amount of income being generated, if any

If apartments are planned in the facility, please indicate the following:

Does the site have historical significance?

Are you applying for either State/Federal Historical Tax Credit Programs?

If yes, provide estimated value of tax credits

Briefly summarize the financial obstacles to development that this project faces without agency or other public assistance. Please provide the agency with documentation to support the financial obstacles to development (you will be asked to provide cash flow projections documenting costs, expenses and revenues with and without agency and other tax credits included indicating below average return on investment rates compared to regional industry averages)

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Briefly summarize the demonstrated support that you intend to receive from local government entities. Please provide agency with documentation of this support in the form of signed letters from these entities.

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Please indicate other factors that you would like HIDA to consider such as: structure or site presents significant public safety hazard and or environmental remediation costs, site or structure is located in a distressed census tract, structure presents significant costs associated with building code compliance, site has historical significance, site or structure is presently delinquent in property tax payments.

Section VIII Senior Citizen Rental Housing Projects

Agency tax incentives may be granted to projects under the Agency's Senior Citizen Rental Housing policy when the project consists of a multi-family housing structure where at least 90% of the units are (or are intended to be) rented to and occupied by a person who is 60 years of age or older.

Are you applying for tax incentives under the Senior Rental Housing policy? NO

If yes, please answer the following questions. If no, please proceed to the next section of this application.

Projects applying for tax incentives under the Senior Citizen Rental Housing program will be evaluated based upon the answers you supply to the following criteria based questions. **Please note that approval of Senior Citizen Rental Housing project incentives does not require that all of the following criteria be met, but rather this information will be considered by the Agency's Board when the project is presented for Board approval.**

Has the project received written support from the city, town or village government in which it is located?

Describe the location of the project as it relates to the project's proximity to the town / village / city center or to a recognized hamlet.

Is the project consistent with the applicable municipal master plan?

If yes, please provide a narrative identifying the master plan (by name) and describing how the project aligns with the plan details

Does the project advance efforts to create a walkable neighborhood and community in proximity to important local amenities and services?

If yes, please provide a narrative describing the walkable nature of the project including access seniors would have to specific neighborhood amenities.

Has a market study shown that there is a significant unmet need in the local community or specific neighborhood where seniors are unable to find appropriate housing opportunities?

Is the project located in an area (defined as a 1 – 5 mile radius of the project site) where there are significant local resident populations that are at or below the median income level?

If yes, please describe how you made this determination based upon census tract and other relevant third party data.

Does the project provide amenities that are attractive to seniors and differentiates the project from standard market rate housing?

If yes, please describe these amenities (examples may include: community rooms, social / recreational activity areas, senior-oriented fixtures and safety amenities, security systems, call systems, on site medical services)

Are there impediments that hinder the ability to conventionally finance this project and /or negatively impact the project's return on investment?

If yes, please briefly summarize the financial obstacles to development that this project faces without agency or other public assistance. Please provide the agency with documentation to support the financial obstacles to development (you

will be asked to provide cash flow projections documenting costs, expenses and revenues with and without agency and other tax credits included indicating below average return on investment rates compared to regional industry averages)

Remind me to upload this attachment at the end of application.

Will the project target (and maintain during the incentive period) a minimum 50% occupancy rate of senior citizens whose income is at or below 60-80% of the median income for Erie County?

If yes, please describe provide a narrative citing key facts that substantiate this finding.

Section IX: Retail Determination

To ensure compliance with Section 862 of the New York General Municipal Law, the Agency requires additional information if the proposed Project is one where customers personally visit the Project site to undertake either a retail sale transaction or to purchase services.

- A) Will any portion of the project (including that portion of the cost to be financed from equity or other sources) consist of facilities or property that are or will be primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project site? Yes No

***If yes, please complete the retail questionnaire supplement below . If no, proceed to Section X**

For purposes of Question A, the term "retail sales" means (i) sales by registered vendor under Article 28 of the Tax law of the State of New York (the "Tax Law") primarily engaged in the retail sale of tangible personal property (as defined in Section 1101(b)(4)(i) of the Tax Law), or (ii) sales of a service to customers who personally visit the Project.

- B) What percentage of the cost of the Project will be expended on such facilities or property primarily used in making sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit the project?-_____ % If the answer is **less than 33%** do not complete the remainder of the retail determination.

If the answer to Question A is yes AND the answer to Question B is greater than 33.33%, indicate which of the following questions below apply to the project:

1. Will the project be operated by a not-for-profit corporation Yes No
2. Is this Project location or facility likely to attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region (Erie, Niagara, Allegheny, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties) in which the project will be located? Yes No

**if yes, please provide a third party market analysis or other documentation supporting your response.*

3. Is the predominant purpose of the project to make available goods or services which would not, but for the project, be reasonably accessible to the residents of the municipality? Are services provided at proposed project site needed because of a lack of reasonably accessible retail trade facilities offering such goods or services? Yes No

**if yes, please provide-market analysis supporting your response.*

4. Will the project preserve permanent, private sector jobs or increase the overall number of permanent, private sector jobs in the State of New York? Yes No
5. Is the project located in a Highly Distressed Area? Yes No

Section X: Estimate of Real Property Tax Abatement Benefits and Percentage of Project Costs Financed from Public Sector Sources

Section X of this Application will be (i) completed by Agency Staff based upon information contained with the Application, and (ii) provided to the Applicant for ultimate inclusion as part of this completed Application.

PILOT Estimate Table Worksheet:

Dollar Value of New Construction and Renovation Costs	Estimated New Assessed Value of Property Subject to IDA*	County Tax Rate/1000	Local Tax Rate (Town/City/Village)/1000	School Tax Rate/1000

*Apply equalization rate to value

PILOT year	% Payment	County PILOT Amount	Local PILOT Amount	School PILOT Amount	Total PILOT	Full Tax Payment w/o PILOT	Net Exemption
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
Total:							

*Estimates provided are based on current property tax rates and assessment values

Percentage of Project Costs Financed from Public Sector Table Worksheet:

Total Project Cost	Estimated Value of PILOT	Estimated Value of Sales Tax Incentive	Estimated Value of Mortgage Tax Incentive	Total of Other Public Incentives (Tax Credits, Grants, ESD Incentives, etc.)

Calculate %

(Est. PILOT + Est. Sales Tax + Est. Mortgage Tax + Other)/Total Project Costs: _____%

Section XI: Representations, Certifications and Indemnification

Tara A. Ellis (name of CEO or other authorized representative of Applicant) confirms and says that he/she is the President & CEO (title) of FeedMore WNY Foundation (name of corporation or other entity) named in the attached Application (the "Applicant"), that he/she has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof, and hereby represents, understands, and otherwise agrees with the Agency and as follows:

- A. Job Listings: In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law.
- B. First Consideration for Employment: In accordance with Section 858-b(2) of the New York General Municipal Law.
- C. Annual Sales Tax Filings: In accordance with Section 874(8) of the New York General Municipal Law, the Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any sales tax exemptions as part of the Financial Assistance from the Agency, in accordance with Section 874(8) of the General Municipal Law, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the annual form prescribed by the Department of Taxation and Finance, describing the value of all sales tax exemptions claimed by the Applicant and all consultants or subcontractors retained by the Applicant. Copies of all filings shall be provided to the Agency.
- D. Employment Reports: The Applicant understands and agrees that, if the Project receives any Financial Assistance from the Agency, the Applicant agrees to file, or cause to be filed, with the Agency, at least annually or as otherwise required by the Agency, reports regarding the number of people employed at the project site, salary levels, contractor utilization, and such other information (collectively, "Employment Reports") that may be required from time to time on such appropriate forms as designated by the Agency. Failure to provide Employment Reports within 30 days of an Agency request shall be an Event of Default under the PILOT Agreement between the Agency and the Applicant and, if applicable, an Event of Default under the Agent Agreement between the Agency and Applicant. In addition, a Notice of Failure to provide the Agency with an Employment Report may be reported to Agency board members, said report being an agenda item subject to the Open Meetings Law.
- E. The Applicant acknowledges that certain environmental representations will be required at closing. The Applicant shall provide with this Representation, Certification and Indemnification Form copies of any known environmental reports, including any existing Phase I Environmental Investigations. The Agency may require the Company and/or owner of the premises to prepare and submit an environmental assessment and audit report, including but not necessarily limited to, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report and a Phase II Environmental Investigation, with respect to the Premises at the sole cost and expense of the owner and/or the Applicant. All environmental assessment and audit reports shall be completed in accordance with ASTM Standard Practice E1527-05, and shall be conformed over to the Agency so that the Agency is authorized to use and rely on the reports. The Agency, however, does not adopt, ratify, confirm or assume any representation made within reports required herein.
- F. The Applicant and/or the owner, and their successors and assigns, hereby release, defend and indemnify the Agency from any and all suits, causes of action, litigations, damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, penalties, claims, demands, judgments, costs, disbursements, fees or expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever (including,

without limitation, attorneys', consultants', and experts' fees) which may at any time be imposed upon, incurred by or asserted or awarded against the Agency, resulting from or arising out of any inquiries and/or environmental assessment, audit, inspection or investigation report completed hereunder and/or the selection of the environmental consultant, engineer or other qualified person to perform such assessments, investigations, and audits.

- G. Hold Harmless Provision: The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that the Applicant shall be and is responsible for all costs of the Agency incurred in connection with any actions required to be taken by the Agency in furtherance of the Application including the Agency's costs of general counsel and/or the Agency's bond/transaction counsel whether or not the Application, the proposed Project it describes, the attendant negotiations, or the issue of bonds or other transaction or agreement are ultimately ever carried to successful conclusion and agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from or expense incurred by: (i) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, the Application, regardless of whether or not the Application or the proposed Project describes herein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requires herein are favorably acted upon by the Agency; (ii) the Agency's acquisition, construction, and/or installation of the proposed Project described herein; and (iii) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the proposed Project including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorney's fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. Applicant hereby understands and agrees, in accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law and the policies of the Agency that any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency, any mortgage recording tax exemption claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency, and/or any real property tax abatement claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency, in connection with the Project, may be subject to recapture and/or termination by the Agency under such terms and conditions as will be established by the Agency and the Applicant. The Applicant further represents and warrants that the information contained in this Application, including without limitation information regarding the amount of the New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefit, the amount of the mortgage recording tax exemption benefit, and the amount of the real property tax abatement, if and as applicable, to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, is true, accurate and correct.
- H. This obligation includes an obligation to submit an Agency Fee Payment to the Agency in accordance with the Agency Fee policy effective as of the date of this Application
- I. By executing and submitted this Application, the Applicant covenants and agrees to pay the following fees to the Agency and the Agency's general counsel and/or the Agency's bond/transaction counsel, the same to be paid at the times indicated:
- a. A non-refundable \$500 application and publication fee (the "Application Fee");
 - b. A \$500 expense deposit for the Agency's Counsel Fee Deposit
 - c. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Agency, an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the total project costs.
 - d. All fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Agency for (1) legal services, including but not limited to those provided by the Agency's general counsel and/or the Agency's bond/transaction counsel, thus note that the Applicant is entitled to receive a written estimate of fees and costs of the Agency's general counsel and the Agency's bond/transaction counsel; and (2) other consultants retained by the Agency in

connection with the proposed project, with all such charges to be paid by the Applicant at the closing.
[LINK TO FEE SCHEDULE](#)

- J. If the Applicant fails to conclude or consummate the necessary negotiations, or fails, within a reasonable or specified period of time, to take reasonable proper or requested action, or withdraws, abandons, cancels or neglects the Application, or if the Applicant is unable to find buyers willing to purchase the bond issue requested, or if the Applicant is unable to facilitate the sale/leaseback or lease/leaseback transaction, then, upon the presentation of an invoice, Applicant shall pay to the Agency, its agents, or assigns all actual costs incurred by the Agency in furtherance of the Application, up to that date and time, including but not necessarily limited to, fees of the Agency's general counsel and/or the Agency's bond/transaction counsel.
- K. The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that all payment liabilities to the Agency and the Agency's general counsel and/or the Agency's bond and/or transaction counsel as expressed in Sections H and I are obligations that are not dependent on final documentation of the transaction contemplated by this Application.
- L. The cost incurred by the Agency and paid by the Applicant, the Agency's general counsel and/or bond/transaction counsel fees and the processing fees, may be considered as a cost of the Project and included in the financing of costs of the proposed Project, except as limited by the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code with respect to tax-exempt bond financing.
- M. The Applicant acknowledges that the Agency is subject to New York State's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). Applicant understands that all Project information and records related to this application are potentially subject to disclosure under FOIL subject to limited statutory exclusions.
- N. The Applicant acknowledges that it has read and understands of the [LINK Agency's Policy for Termination of Agency Benefits and Recapture of Agency Benefits Previously Granted \(the "Termination and Recapture Policy"\)](#). The Applicant covenants and agrees that it fully understands that the Termination and Recapture Policy is applicable to the Project that is the subject of this Application and that the Agency will implement the Termination and Recapture Policy if and when it is so required to do so. The Applicant further covenants and agrees that its Project is potentially subject to termination of Agency financial assistance and/or recapture of Agency financial assistance so provided and/or previously granted.
- O. The Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law, as provided below, will not be violated if Financial Assistance is provided for the proposed Project:

§ 862. Restriction on funds of the agency. (1) No funds of the agency shall be used in respect of any project if the completion thereof would result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one are of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, provided, however, that neither restriction shall apply if the agency shall determine on the basis of the application before it that the project is reasonably necessary to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the state or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project occupant in its respective industry.

- P. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving Financial Assistance for the proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state, and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.
- Q. The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information may lead to the immediate termination of any Financial Assistance and the reimbursement of any amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement in the Project.
- R. The Applicant confirms and hereby acknowledges that as of the date of this Application, the Applicant is in substantial compliance with all provisions of Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law, including, but not limited to, the provision of Section 859-a and Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law.
- S. The Applicant and the individual executing this Application on behalf of Applicant acknowledge that the Agency and its counsel will rely on the representations and covenants made in this Application when acting hereon and hereby represents that the statements made herein do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein not misleading.
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1. That I am the President & CEO (Corporate Office) of Feed More WNY (Applicant) and that I am duly authorized on behalf of the Applicant to bind the Applicant.
 2. That I have read the attached Application, I know the contents thereof, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this Application and the contents of this Application are true, accurate and complete.


(Signature of Officer)