



# The Western United States Agricultural Trade Association

2025 FundMatch Tutorial Label and Packaging Modifications

## Agenda

- 1. Getting to Know WUSATA
- 2. What is FundMatch?
- 3. The FundMatch Process
- 4. Label and Packaging Modifications
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- 6. Wrap up



## Getting to Know WUSATA

#### We are...



Non-Profit Trade Association



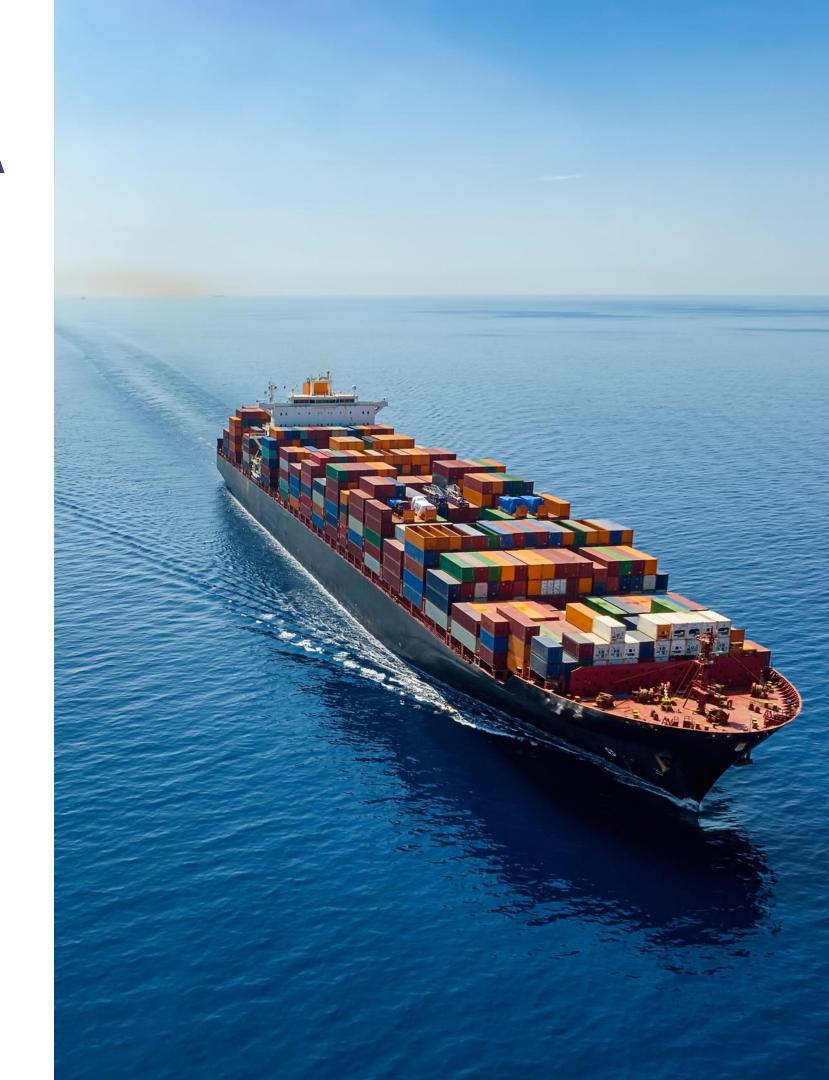
40+ Years of Exporting Focus



Global Network of Resources



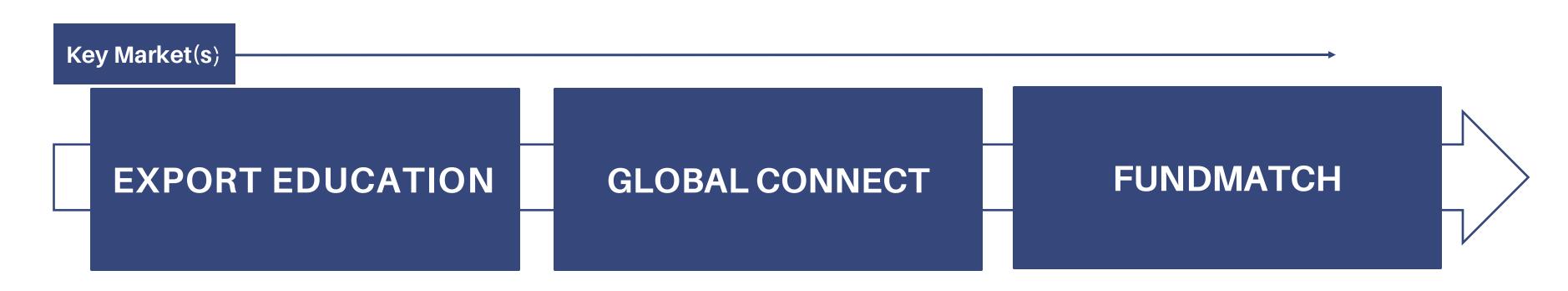
Funded by the USDA's Market Access Program (MAP)



## **OUR PROGRAMS**

Learn, Connect, Compete

Our guided process is designed to meet companies at any stage of their export journey and systematically help them identify markets, connect with buyers, and promote their brand.



Access to market intelligence & consumer insights through webinars & monthly reports

Discover new export markets, connect with international buyers, & increase distribution through targeted activities

Access up to \$300,000 yearly in financial reimbursement for international marketing activities

## What is the FundMatch Program?

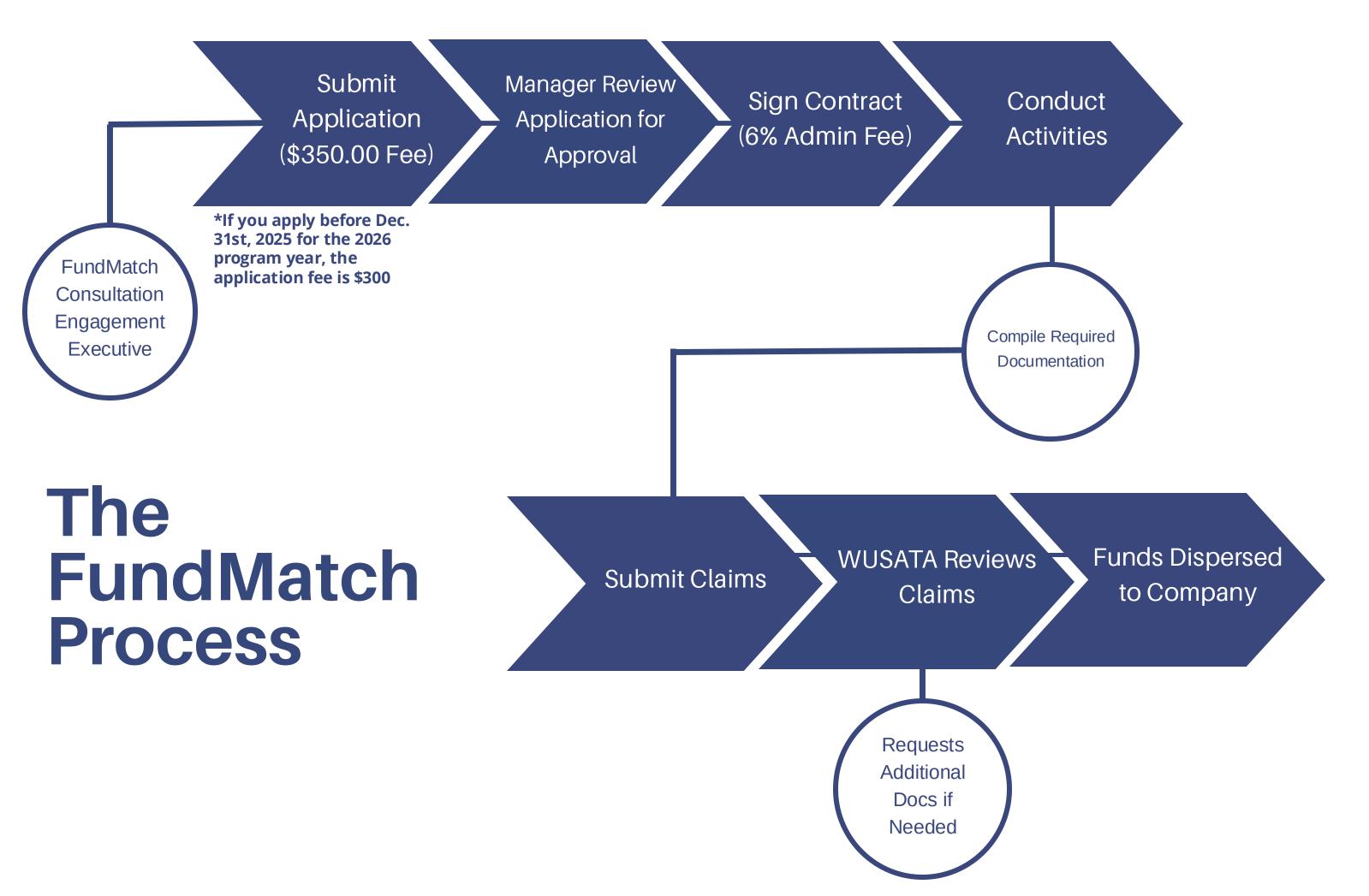
The FundMatch Program assists eligible agribusinesses and agricultural suppliers, to compete internationally by providing 50% reimbursement for eligible marketing expenses and activities to promote the <u>Brands</u> and <u>Products of the USA</u>.



## DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FUNDMATCH?

- Headquartered in the Western U.S. Region
- Small to Medium Agribusiness
- Products are at least 50% U.S. Grown
- Operating business for one year







U.S. Origin Examples	Eligible	Ineligible
Product of the USA or Product of America	<b>√</b>	
Grown in the USA or Grown in America	<b>√</b>	
Made in the USA or Made in America	<b>√</b>	
Product of California, Grown in Oregon, Made in Montana	1	
Wine of California, is acceptable for U.S origin statement. State or territory must be spelled out in its entirety.	<b>√</b>	
Seals and logos with state name or U.S. agency, American flag, USA Pavilion Sign		×
Product that includes part of the brand (i.e. Texas Style Chili, Bob's American Pizza, U.S. Apples)		×
Physical address line that includes state's name and USA		×
"Distributed by" "Manufactured in" "Produced in," "Handcrafted by," "Packed in," "Imported From," "Origin From"		×
Product of CA, Grown in OR, Made in MT		×
The company name includes a geographic origin statement (e.g., Florida Orange Juice, Fancy Washington Apples Co.)		×

- "Bottled by" or "Produced in" statement is acceptable for wine or spirits only.
- State or territory of the Unites States must be spelled out in its entirety, or other U.S. regional
  designation if approved in advance by the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).



Eligible Expenses

- First printing of a one-year supply of approved foreign packaging/labels or stickers
  - Your one-year supply starts on the date of your first invoice
  - If the foreign country regulations change after your first invoice date, and you need to make new label modifications, the one year will start over again
  - Stickers are only eligible if they are to meet the foreign regulation. All services must be performed by a third party
- Temporary labor for:
  - Design
  - Translation
- Production of packaging and labels
- Plates
- Set-up
- Graphic design



Ineligible Expenses

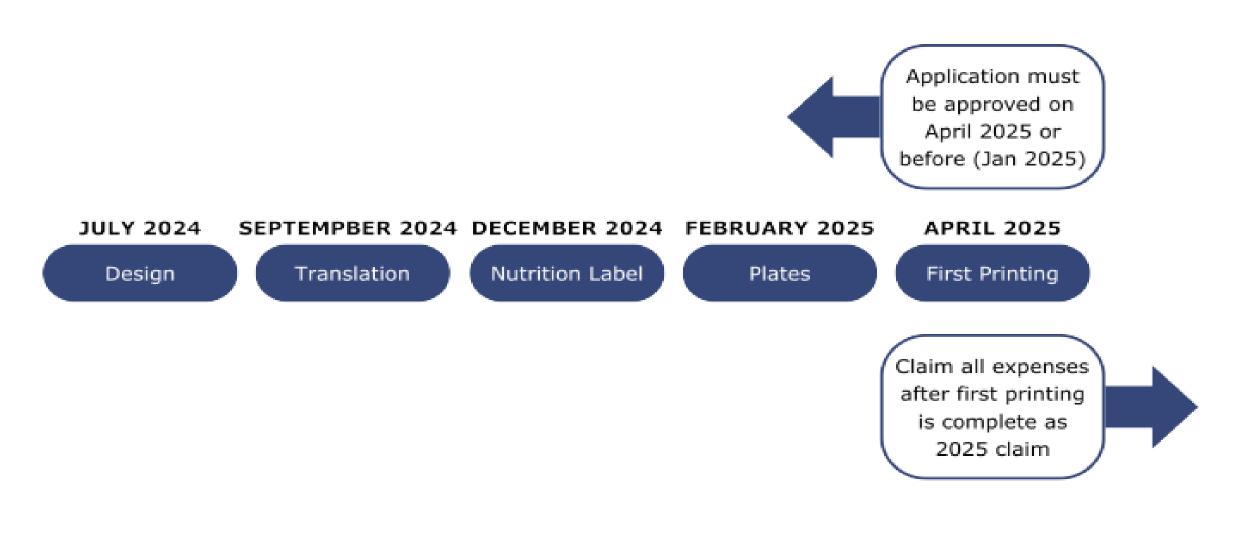
- Expenses to add the U.S. origin statement to be eligible for FundMatch
- Production of package/labels for new brands, new sizes, or new flavors of products i.e. cannot be a new SKU
- Aesthetic or marketing changes to the design of a package/label
- Changes made to meet distributor, import, or buyer requirements or preferences
- Duty stamps, certification fees, research fees, etc.
- In-house printing, design, translation, etc.
- Label or sticker addition to shipping boxes or cases



#### To receive reimbursement, you must demonstrate:

- 1. The changes you are making are for existing FundMatch approved packaging and labels
- 2. The changes are necessary to meet the labeling requirements of a foreign country
- 3. All expenses are outsourced
- 4. The new packaging includes a valid U.S. origin statement





You have one year to re-print the same labels/packaging

If the foreign country regulations change after the invoice date of the first printing and they require new modifications, then the year starts over.



Prior to your activity, sign onto your WUSATA account and verify that the country market of your activity is listed and that the products are approved.



Any updates or changes must be submitted online and approved prior to your first printing invoice date



When ready to submit your claim, upload all your documents onto your computer or laptop for easy use in the claims process, our online program accepts several document types.



Total your expenditures – you will need the number to add onto the first Claim Detail Screen.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS



#### **Claim Documentation**

#### 1. Invoices:

- Name, address, contact info of vendor
- All itemized charges
- Name of payer & company contact info

#### 2. Proof of payment:

- Bank or credit card statements in PDF format, 1st page and page of transaction.
- If paid by check, submit check image with corresponding bank statement.
- If paid by wire include wire transfer plus the corresponding bank statement.

#### 3. Proof of activity:

- · Before and after of each label you are modifying, actual labels required
  - Cannot be a pdf proof
  - For temporary sticker's labor expense claim, you will need to provide photos of product(s) with attached temporary sticker as proof of activity
- Foreign label regulations with sections identifying the required changes (highlight)
  - Regulations can be obtained from foreign country's official labeling/packaging government website



#### **Examples of Claim Documentation**

**Claim: Label Design and Printing** 

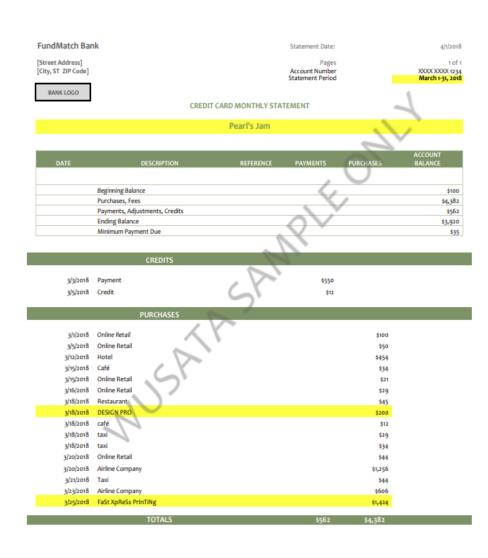
Design Invoice



**Printing Invoice** 



#### **Proof of Payment**





#### **Examples of Claim Documentation**

**Claim: Label Design and Printing** 

Label Modifications – Before v After

Original English label before modifications

Spanish label after modifications







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**Claim: Label Design and Printing** 

#### Foreign Label Requirements



Voluntary Report - Public distribution

Date: 4/8/2009

**GAIN Report Number:** MX9312

Mexico

Market Development Reports

Labeling Requirements

2009

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Prepared by:

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Report Highlights

This report contains the General Labeling Specifications rule for Pre-Packaged Foods and Non-Alcoholic Beverages. Currently the regulation is under review by the Mexican government.

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Annual Report Mexico City ATO [MX2]

#### Labeling Regulations for Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages for the Retail Market – NOM 51

Labeling sections	Ref. #	Details
Generic Product Description	4.2.1	The main exhibit panel or area is defined in the rule as the largest area or panel in the packaging of a food product that will be facing the consumer when placed on a shelf. Products sold in bags are exempt from this criterion. The criteria for this area includes: 1) the raw or generic

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#### GAIN Report - MX9312

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		description of the product; 2) must be bilingual and if
		bilingual, font sizes and colors must be equal.
List of Ingredients	4.2.2	
		ingredients may be placed anywhere on the package (sides,
		back or main exhibit panel). The list must be in descending
		order.
Net Content/Drained Mass	4.2.3	The net content must be placed on the main exhibit panel.
		The "Net Content" legend must have space above and
		below it with at least the same height of the font. The
		space to the left and right must be the width of two
		characters of the same font. The thickness of the font must
		be at least 1/3 of the height of the font used.
		The content declaration must be about in declaration in
		The content declaration must be stated in decimal units.
		When declaring the decimal values, use metric commas not
		periods (FOODEX), refer to NOM-08 (international units).
		The appropriate declaration is written in the following
		manner: contenido neto. Other approved abbreviations
		include – Cont. Neto, Cont.Net. and Contenido.
	4.2.4	For imported products the manufacturer's information is
Manufacturer's and Importer's Information	7.2.7	optional for printing on the package. However, the
		importer must place the following information on the label:
		company name, address (street, "Colonia" industrial or
		residential area, delegation, state and zip code), and the
		tax I.D. number referred to as the "RFC". Importer's
		information may be placed on the product after importation
		but before the product is put on the shelf.
	4 2 E	The country of origin statement must be in Coanish

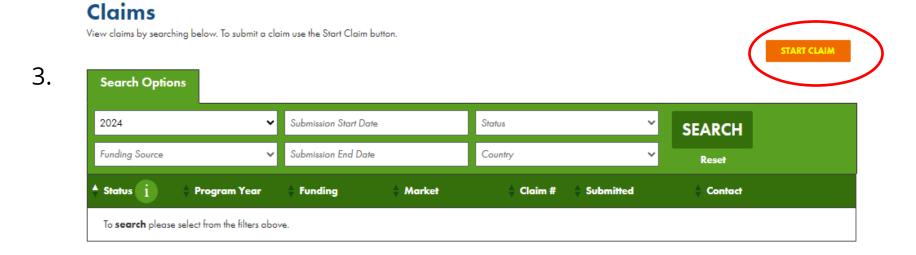


#### **How To Submit A Claim**

#### **Login to MyWUSATA > FundMatch Program tile > Claims > Start Claim**







### **The Claims Process**



#### **CLAIM SUBMISIION**

FundMatch participant submits reimbursement claim within 60 days after the completion of the activity.



#### **REVIEW**

WUSATA receives the claim and will review in order of being submitted.



#### **FEEDBACK**

If needed, WUSATA will request additional supporting documentation. Company has 15 days to provide the requested documentation or the claim will be denied/processed as is. OR if the claim is complete WUSATA will approve.



#### **PAYMENT**

Processing times for claims vary.

Once approved, payment may take up to 14 days to be dispersed to company.





To schedule a consult and meet your Engagement Executive EMAIL EXPORT@WUSATA.ORG



## READ THE FUNDMATCH GUIDE

Found on website under FundMatch



## REVIEW EXAMPLE CLAIMS & TUTORIALS

Found on website under FundMatch





### Sign Up Today!

- Head to www.wusata.org and click sign up
- 2 Fill out details of your company
- WUSATA team will vet and approve company

WUSATA Accounts are **Free**, **Easy**, and **Confidential!** 



#### **Taiwan Restaurant Promotion**

Dates: 11/1/25-11/30/25

**Registration Deadline: 8/8/25** 

**Participation Fee: \$50** 

#### Overview:

- Collaboration with The Diner, a restaurant chain located across six locations within four municipalities in Taiwan. The Diner is a pioneer of American brunch in Taiwan since 2006, brining authentic flavors loved by both locals and foreigners.
- Exclusive media coverage will also be included to help promote the Restaurant Promotion across The Diner locations to attract a wide variety of consumers and demographics in the market.
- The Diner will curate an authentic and unique menu incorporating products to showcase items from across the Western United States.
- This promotion is open to Western U.S. Suppliers who already have food or beverage product(s) already in the Taiwan market. (Must be packaged for the food service sector.)

#### **Details:**

 Product focus: Consumer Oriented - alcoholic beverages, frozen fruit, frozen vegetables, nuts, baking ingredients, fresh fruit & vegetables, and other processed food products



#### **Specialty Food Promotion in Western Canada**

Dates: 9/24/25-9/28/25

**Registration Deadline: 8/29/25** 

**Participation Fee: \$500** 

#### **Overview:**

- Begins in Victoria with B2B meetings and retail tours
- Continues to Vancouver, with B2B meetings and retail tours, then a showcase at the Vancouver Cheese and Meat Artisan Food and Beverage Festival

#### **Details:**

 Product focus: Retail Packaged Consumer Oriented, Snack Foods, Condiments, Dried Fruit/Nut, Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Canned Fruits, Baked Goods, Healthy & Natural Products and Cereal, Cheese, Yogurt, Ice Cream

#### **FundMatch Program Assistance:**

Lodging for 2nd company rep
Meals & Incidental Expenses
Roundtrip Airfare
Registration Fees
Freight & Shipping
Printed Sales Materials
Giveaways

Talk to Your Engagement Executive if you're eligible for FundMatch!



## Thank You!

For questions, please contact: fundmatch@wusata.org







