No Kid Hungry Georgia Summer Meals Grants

Grants at a Glance

No Kid Hungry Georgia, a campaign of Share Our Strength, is dedicated to ending child hunger by focusing our efforts in communities where the need is greatest and the opportunity for impact is highest. In alignment with this mission, our summer grant funding prioritizes rural non-congregate meal programs, helping address barriers to food access and reach children in underserved communities.

Average Grant Award: $10,000- $15,000

Application Timeline: Applications typically open in mid-February and close in late April. Exact dates will be shared at the beginning of 2027.

Who Can Apply: School districts and community-based organizations operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in rural communities that can utilize the non-congregate option.

Interested? Subscribe to our monthly newsletter under the **state.nokidhungry.org/georgia/resources-2/** tab to be among the first to hear about summer grant opportunities, funding announcements, and other important updates. More information about upcoming grant opportunities, including the grant inquiry form, will be shared at the start of the new calendar year.

What Can No Kid Hungry Georgia's Grants Support?

Grant funds will be prioritized for summer meals sponsors seeking to expand reach of non-congregate meal programs in high-priority communities. **Strategies may include:**

New sponsors who have previously not served non-congregate meals launching programs to operate in new areas with gaps in service.

Leveraging non-congregate models which have been demonstrated to be more effective at reaching kids, including home delivery and mobile route distribution.

Existing sponsors adding new non-congregate meal sites and/or increasing accessibility of existing sites by keeping sites open additional hours, increasing the number of meals being served, shifting hours to better meet community needs, or improving site locations.

Maximizing program operations to serve the maximum allowable number of meals each week and for the duration of the summer.

Grants are meant to expand the operation of rural non-congregate meals. No Kid Hungry Georgia grants will not fund projects that support congregate meals or any feeding option outside federal child nutrition programs.

Meals Served by No Kid Hungry Georgia 2026 Grantees: 933,484 meals

Summer meal sponsors have requested No Kid Hungry grant funding to support a variety of operational needs, including:

Equipment & Infrastructure - $23,750 for pallet jacks, coolerse, sealing machine, and trailer to improve meal transportation and distribution logistics. These investments helped expand their program's capacity by adding mobile route distributions to meet community need.

Reusable Marketing Materials - $5,500 for registration and meal-counting technology ($3,500) and milk coolers ($2,000) to transition from congregate meal service to a 10-day bulk meal distribution model, while supporting accurate meal tracking and safe food storage.

Transportation & Accessibility - $51,125 toward a summer meals van for a first time rural non-congregate meals sponsor to operate curbside pickup and mobile meals delivery in rural communities. The vehicle helped transport meals across six sites and reach families facing transportation barriers.

"The refrigerated trailer was a lifesaver! I don't know what we would have done without the refrigerated trailer."
-Sheila Jennings, Polk County

Resources:

Looking for ideas and guidance to strengthen your summer meals program? The No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices offers free resources, webinars, toolkits, and real-world examples to help sponsors navigate challenges, explore innovative service models, and expand access to summer meals. Explore our summer meals resources at the QR code to the right.

Visit **bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/** to explore these resources and more!

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