

The No Kid Hungry School Nutrition Grant Opportunity will provide funding to school districts to maximize the child nutrition programs and other emergency food programs to ensure children and families have access to healthy meals at school and at home during the school year and/or summer months.

No Kid Hungry knows that school districts play an essential role in ensuring students receive nutritious meals to learn, grow, and thrive to reach their full potential. These flexible grants will allow school districts to respond to the growing needs and emerging opportunities to provide meals and resources to kids and families.

ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES

Communities Experiencing Inequalities:

No Kid Hungry is committed to addressing the systemic and structural health, social, and economic inequities that disproportionately impact historically under-resourced communities. To ensure we are supporting individuals and communities most impacted by these inequities, No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding school districts impacting the following communities:

- Communities where 50% or more of the population identifies as Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Asian, Hawaiian Native, or Pacific Islander
- Rural and urban communities that face unique challenges in addressing hunger
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through data points such as free and reduced eligible students, child food insecurity projections, and the social vulnerability index score
- Communities where members experience an intersectionality of identities and environmental factors that contribute to a number of discriminations and disadvantages

Communities Experiencing Economic Hardship:

As the effects of Covid-19 continue to be felt in communities across the country, grant funds will be provided to communities experiencing extreme economic hardship. In determining economic impact, No Kid Hungry will review data points including free and reduced eligible students, child food insecurity projections, and the social vulnerability index score^[1].

Ability to Serve Kids Today and in the Future:

Taking into consideration equity and economic hardship, funds will be prioritized to support school districts with a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in the child nutrition programs and/or leveraging other programs to combat food insecurity such as emergency food programs (weekend meal programs, school pantries, etc.), student and family outreach and engagement, and federal nutrition program enrollment. No Kid Hungry's goal is to support school districts in increasing school meal access and realizing breakfast and lunch participation that matches or exceeds pre-Covid-19 participation. Applications should address both the immediate need for supporting students and alleviating hunger, as well as the long-term sustainability of programming.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

3/25/22

GRANT AMOUNT

Average Grant Size

\$10,000

[1] <https://svi.cdc.gov/>

USE OF FUNDS

As school districts face significant challenges maintaining and expanding meal programs in this uncertain environment, funds are intended to support school districts in having the adaptability to meet the changing needs of students and families. Grant funding is available for school districts to leverage a variety of strategies to increase meals served and support kids and families, including:

- Ensuring maximum student participation and improving meal quality in federal nutrition programs like School Breakfast, School Lunch, Afterschool Meals and Snacks, and Summer Meals
- Promoting awareness of meal availability to students and families, especially for free and reduced-price eligible students
- Providing meals during weekends and out-of-school time through CACFP-At Risk, NSLP Afterschool Snacks and/or backpack programs and school pantry programs
- Promoting and supporting enrollment of SNAP, WIC and Pandemic-EBT programs as well as the Child Tax Credit

Examples of how funds may be used:

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to serve meals, including implementing Breakfast After the Bell programs, such as: grab and go carts, insulated coolers/warmers, packaging equipment and supplies, refrigerators, and retrofitting existing equipment to meet new needs
- Enrichment/educational activities to use during Summer Meals Programs
- Costs of hiring additional staff positions or increasing hours for existing staff to meet increased demand or provide additional services such as breakfast and lunch served in the classroom or meal delivery for virtual learners
- New costs associated with COVID-19 precautions like no-touch point of service machines, hand washing stations, PPE equipment, and cleaning supplies
- Non-reimbursable food costs for school food pantries or backpack programs
- Program outreach, benefit enrollment assistance, and marketing costs
- Transportation costs associated with meal delivery such as refrigerated trucks or fuel, as well as transportation of food to non-traditional sites, such as parks or camps
- Additional expenses as needed

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- Detailed description of grant funding program objectives
- Information about your current and planned food and nutrition programs for SY21-22
- District Food Service Director and Superintendent contact information
- Historic district-wide enrollment and school meals participation for applicable meals programs
- Detailed budget of anticipated use of funding within the grant period
- Strategies used to elevate and address the needs of people of color in your community

TO NOTE

Grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength. You will be notified upon receipt of the grant award if a corporate partner is sponsoring the grant award.

Additionally, we understand that meal service plans in SY21-22 may vary and change throughout the school year. Please submit your application with your current thinking for how your school district plans to operate meal service throughout the year and any potential emergency service plans. If you are awarded funds, you will be required to submit quarterly progress reports that accurately describe your school meals implementation and other meal programs, as well as changes in participation and meal service delivery as programming adjusts to the evolving operating environment.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log into or create an account for the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal at <https://nokidhungry.force.com>. Please do not use Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge when registering or working within the portal.
2. To create a new account, click “New User.”
3. After you have logged into the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal, click “Start a New Application” on the Home page.
4. Input the following access code to gain access to the application: **LASchoolNutrition2022**. Click “Start Application” to begin.
5. Be sure to input all required answers and save frequently as you are inputting information.
6. Once all questions are completed, click “Review Application.”
7. Download your application as a PDF and then click “Submit.”

SAMPLE APPLICATION

To view a sample application, [please click here.](#)

QUESTIONS?

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