

SCHOOL NUTRITION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NEBRASKA



The No Kid Hungry School Nutrition Grant Opportunity will provide funding to school districts to maximize federal child nutrition 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.

NO KID HUNGRY GRANTING PRIORITIES

No Kid Hungry is committed to addressing the systemic and structural health, social, and economic inequities that disproportionately impact historically under-resourced communities. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding school districts impacting the following communities:

- Communities where 50% or more of the population identifies as Black, Latino, Indigenous Peoples, Asian, Hawaiian Native or Pacific Islander
- Rural and urban communities where schools/school districts face unique challenges in addressing hunger
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points
- Communities where members experience intersecting social and environmental inequities

APPLICATION DUE DATE

January 27, 2023

GRANT AMOUNT

Maximum Grant Amount:
\$10,000

Please visit the No Kid Hungry website to learn more about [No Kid Hungry's grantmaking beliefs and values](#), as well as how [No Kid Hungry prioritizes grant funds](#).

Funds will be prioritized to support school districts applications with a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in the child nutrition programs and/or increasing federal nutrition program enrollment. Share Our Strength'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.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds are intended to support school districts in having the adaptability to meet the changing needs of students and families. Strategies may include:

- Ensuring maximum student participation and improving meal quality in federal nutrition programs.
- Promoting awareness of meal availability to students and families, especially for free and reduced-price eligible students.
- Promoting and supporting enrollment of SNAP, WIC and Pandemic-EBT programs as well as the Child Tax Credit.
- Supporting partnerships with other school districts and/or local community-based organizations to increase access to meal programs.

Budget requests may include:

- Meal service supplies and equipment.
- Costs of hiring additional staff positions, increasing hours for existing staff, and providing incentives for staff retention, recruitment and training.
- Technology requests, including point of service machines.
- Cleaning supplies/equipment, including hand washing stations and PPE.
- Program outreach, benefit enrollment assistance (SNAP, WIC, etc.), and marketing costs.
- Transportation costs associated with meal delivery such as refrigerated trucks or fuel.
- Additional expenses as needed.

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 SY22-23 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. Visit 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.” If you have previously used the Portal, log into your account with those existing credentials.
3. Click “Start a New Application” on the Home page of the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal.
4. Input the following access code to gain access to the application: **NESchoolNutrition2023**. 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.”

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

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 SY22-23.
 - School Nutrition Director and Superintendent contact information.
 - Historic district-wide enrollment and monthly meals participation for applicable 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.

QUESTIONS?

Program related: Eric Savaiano, Economic Justice Program Manager, Food & Nutrition Access - esavaiano@neappleseed.org
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