

The No Kid Hungry Breakfast After the Bell Grant Opportunity will provide funding to maximize child nutrition programs to ensure children and families have access to healthy meals at school during the school year.

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 support school districts across New York with the purchase of equipment, materials and initiatives facilitating Breakfast After the Bell delivery models (such as Breakfast In the Classroom, Grab and Go, or Second Chance Breakfast) in an effort to increase student participation in school breakfast.

ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES

Communities Experiencing Inequalities:

Share Our Strength is committed to addressing the systemic and structural health, social, and economic inequities that disproportionately impact communities of color. To ensure we are supporting individuals and communities most impacted by these inequalities, we will prioritize grant funds to school districts serving communities where over 50% of the population identify as Black, Latino, Native American, Asian, Hawaiian Native, or Pacific Islander. We will also prioritize funds to rural communities where schools face unique challenges in addressing hunger and communities where members experience an intersectionality of identities and environmental factors that contribute to a number of discriminations and disadvantages.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

April 15, 2022

GRANT AMOUNT

Average Grant Size
\$5,000 - \$10,000

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 School Breakfast Program. Share Our Strength's goal is to support school districts in increasing school meal access and realizing breakfast 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.

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

USE OF FUNDS

As school districts face significant challenges maintaining and expanding meal programs in this uncertain environment and as the majority of schools re-open to full-time in-person learning, 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 breakfast participation and support kids and families, including:

- Expanding access to Breakfast After the Bell programs such as Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab and Go to the Classroom, and Second Chance Breakfast
- Improving meal quality in the School Breakfast Program
- Promoting awareness of breakfast availability to students and families, especially for free and reduced-price eligible students

Examples of how funds may be used:

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to serve breakfast such as: grab and go carts, insulated coolers/warmers, packaging equipment and supplies, refrigerators, and retrofitting existing equipment to meet new needs
- New costs associated with COVID-19 precautions like no-touch point of service machines, hand washing stations, PPE equipment, and cleaning supplies
- Additional expenses as needed

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- District Food Service Director and Superintendent contact information
- Historic district-wide enrollment and school meals participation for breakfast, lunch, and afterschool meals and snacks from October 2020
- Information about your current and planned food and nutrition programs, specifically for Breakfast After the Bell, for the current school or SY22-23
- Detailed description of grant funding program objectives
- Detailed budget of anticipated use of funding

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. To begin your application after you have logged into the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal, click “Start a New Application” on your Grantee Dashboard located on the top left corner of your home page, below the No Kid Hungry logo.
4. Input the following access code to gain access to the application: **NYBreakfast2022**. Click “Start Application” to begin.
5. Be sure to input all required answers and save frequently as you are inputting information. Complete the application when all information is entered by clicking on “Review Your Answers” and then “Submit Your Answer.”

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

QUESTIONS?

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