

# SCHOOL NUTRITION GRANT OPPORTUNITY: INCREASING FOOD ACCESS IN 2021 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NEW YORK



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.

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. The No Kid Hungry Increasing Food Access Grant Opportunity will provide funding to school districts across New York who are implementing delivery models that increase access to reimbursable breakfast, lunch, snack, and/or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meals.

## ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES

### Eligibility:

Applying school districts must either be implementing or be prepared to implement an alternative delivery model that increases access to breakfast, snack, and/or CACFP meals. Examples of alternative delivery models can include, but are not limited to:

- Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC)
- Grab and Go to the Classroom, served at the start of the school day
- Second Chance Breakfast, served grab-and-go style to the classroom or eaten in the cafeteria
- Offering breakfast and lunch at no cost to all students, through Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2, or other programs
- Starting or expanding participation in extended day and afterschool meal programs to reach more kids
- Curbside meals

**While the above-mentioned models are preferred, other delivery models that expand access to reimburseable meals will also be supported.**

### Equity Priority:

The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated long-standing systemic health, social and economic inequities, disproportionately impacting communities of color. To ensure we are supporting individuals and communities most impacted, we will prioritize grant funds to high-need school districts and community organizations, especially those serving communities where a majority of individuals identify as Black, Latino, Native American, or Asian, including immigrant populations. We will also prioritize funds to rural communities.

### Ability to Serve Kids Today and in the Future:

Taking into consideration equity, economic hardship and COVID-19 impact factors, 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 student/family outreach and enrollment in federal food assistance programs. Applications should address both the immediate need for supporting students and alleviating hunger as well address long-term sustainability of programming.

**APPLICATION DUE DATE**  
May 28, 2021

**GRANT AMOUNT**  
Grant amounts will vary, depending on the size and need of each organization. Average grant amounts typically range from \$5,000 - \$10,000.

## USE OF FUNDS:

Grant funding is available for school districts to leverage a variety of strategies to increase meals served and support kids and families in this new operating environment, including:

- Ensuring maximum student participation and improving meal quality in federal nutrition programs like School Breakfast, School Lunch, Afterschool Meals and Snacks, as well as the Seamless Summer Option
- 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 backpack programs and school pantries
- Promoting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) and Pandemic-EBT programs and supporting enrollment

### **Examples of how funding may be used include:**

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to serve meals, including: 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 preparedness 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 for SY20-21 and summer 2021
- 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 SY20-21 and summer 2021 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://nokidhungrygrants.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: **SchoolNutrition2021**. 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.”

## QUESTIONS?

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