



## Call for Grant Inquiries: Expanding Non-Congregate Sites in Rural Communities

The No Kid Hungry Summer Grant Opportunity will support the **expansion of non-congregate summer feeding models** by providing funding to sponsors operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in rural communities. All interested organizations must first complete [this inquiry form](#) to express interest in this grant opportunity.

**Grant Inquiry Due Date:** Grant inquiries will be accepted through March 2, 2026. [Complete grant inquiry here.](#)

**Grant Amount:** Grant amounts will vary, depending on size and need of each applicant, ranging from \$5K - \$15K

### NO KID HUNGRY GRANTING PRIORITIES

No Kid Hungry is dedicated to ending child hunger by focusing efforts in communities where the need is greatest and the opportunity for impact is highest - working to break the cycle of poverty and address the barriers that contribute to child food insecurity. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding to organizations in the following communities:

- Communities where at least 60% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- Communities experiencing high levels of child hunger and poverty
- Communities where students face unique challenges in addressing hunger
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points

Please visit No Kid Hungry's [Center for Best Practices](#) to learn more about non-congregate meal options.

### USE OF FUNDS

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.
- 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.
- Leveraging non-congregate models which have been demonstrated to be more effective at reaching kids, including home delivery and mobile route distribution.
- Maximizing program operations to serve the maximum allowable number of meals each week and for the duration of the summer.

**Funding may not support congregate summer meal programs or food access programs not associated with the federal school meals program.**

### INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

All interested organizations must first complete [this inquiry form](#) to express interest in this grant opportunity.

Our team will reach out if grant funding is available for your program and provide details for how to complete an application. Please note that completion of the form does not constitute an automatic invitation to complete a No Kid Hungry grant application.

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