

Community Nutrition 2021 – Sample Application

INTRODUCTION

Child Nutrition Grant Opportunity

This grant opportunity will provide funding to community organizations and government entities to maximize child nutrition programs and other emergency food programs and resources to ensure children and families have access to healthy meals at school and at home.

No Kid Hungry knows that community organizations and government entities play a key role in ensuring children receive access to nutritious meals and food need to learn, grow and thrive to reach their full potential. These flexible grants will allow organizations and government entities across the country to respond to the growing needs and emerging opportunities to provide food and resources to kids and families.

Eligibility Priorities

Equity Priority: The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated long-standing systemic health, social and economic inequities, disproportionately impacting racial and ethnic minority groups. To ensure we are supporting individuals and communities most impacted, we will prioritize grant funds to organizations and projects serving majority-minority communities, including immigrant populations. We will also provide funds to rural communities where organizations face unique challenges in addressing hunger.

Economic and COVID-19 Impact: Grant funds will also be provided to communities experiencing economic hardship and having existing or increasingly high COVID-19 infection rates. In determining economic impact, No Kid Hungry will review data points to include: free and reduced eligible students, unemployment rates, child food insecurity rates, and the social vulnerability index score.

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 organizations and projects with a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in the child nutrition programs and/or leveraging other programs to combat food insecurity. Examples include emergency food programs as well as conducting outreach or providing enrollment support to help children and families access federal nutrition programs. Applications should address both the immediate need for supporting children and their families and alleviating hunger, as well address long-term sustainability of programming.

Use of Funds

Nutritious meals and food and support kids and families in the new operating environment created as result of the coronavirus, including:

- Working with school districts to ensure maximum student participation and improving meal quality in federal nutrition programs like School Breakfast, School Lunch, Afterschool Meals and Snacks, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program as well as the Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option as needed during modified school schedules, emergency school closures and summer months
- Providing meals during weekends and out-of-school time through Afterschool Meals and Snacks, backpack programs, community and school food pantries, food delivery, and other food distribution sites
- Promoting awareness of federal nutrition programs and meal availability to students and families, especially for free and reduced-price eligible students
- Leading advocacy efforts related to or promoting SNAP, WIC and Pandemic-EBT programs and supporting enrollment in these programs

Examples of how funding may be used include:

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to increase or modify emergency food programming, including grab and go carts, insulated coolers/warmers, packaging equipment and supplies, refrigerators, and retrofitting existing equipment to meet new needs
- Costs of hiring additional staff positions or increasing hours for existing staff to meet increased demand as a result of COVID-19 or provide additional services like meal delivery
- Transportation costs associated with meal delivery such as refrigerated trucks or fuel
- New costs associated with COVID-19 preparedness like no-touch point of service machines, hand washing stations, PPE equipment and cleaning supplies
- Non-reimbursable food costs for community and school food pantries, backpack programs or adult meals
- Program outreach, enrollment assistance and marketing costs
- Additional expenses as needed

We understand that programming in the upcoming grant year may vary and change throughout the grant period. Please submit your application with your current thinking for how your organization plans to increase or improve access to emergency food and federal nutrition programs 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 project implementation, as well as changes in participation and/or meal service delivery as programming adjusts to the evolving operating environment.

Corporate Funding

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.

Submitting Your Application

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.”

Technical Assistance

Technical or portal-related: GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Person Authorized to Sign a Grant Agreement Letter for this Grant:

First Name:	Phone Number:
Last Name:	Email Address:
Title:	

Report Contact

Are you the person who will be responsible for reporting grant progress on behalf of the organization?	If another person will be reporting grant progress on behalf of the organization, please share their name, phone number and email address:
First Name:	Phone Number:
Last Name:	Email Address:
Title:	

Please estimate what percentage of students are eligible for free/reduced price lunch in the areas you plan to reach through this grant funding? If necessary, please refer to the USDA's capacity builder.

Is your organization a sponsor for the SFSP Summer Meals or NSLP Seamless Summer program?

If you answered 'Yes' to the question, "Is your organization a sponsor for the SFSP Summer Meals or NSLP Seamless Summer program?", please respond to the following question:

- Excluding meals delivered directly to family homes, how many summer meals sites and food distribution sites is your organization planning to operate this summer?

If you answered 'No' to the question, "Is your organization a sponsor for the SFSP Summer Meals or NSLP Seamless Summer program?", please respond to the following question:

- Does your organization host a site or sites for the SFSP Summer Meals or NSLP Seamless Summer program?

Is your organization a Child and Adult Care Food Program Afterschool Meals sponsor?

Does your organization plan to utilize SFSP instead of or in addition to CACFP At-Risk at some or all sites, which is currently an option through School Year 2020-21?

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Please provide the projected timeline of the grant-funded project?

Please provide the anticipated start date and end date of the project you are proposing with the use of grant funds. Please note that most No Kid Hungry grant periods are 12-months unless otherwise specified, such as funding being used for summer only.

Start Date	End Date
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Please provide a concise description of the project you are proposing. (2-3 sentences maximum)

Please provide 1-2 primary objectives for this program area, and how your grant funds will help support these objectives. Well written objectives will be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-specific, and include a brief description of your distribution plan.

Objective 1:	Objective 2:
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- Which of the following programs will No Kid Hungry funding be used to support?
- What is the projected number of kids age 0-18 that will be impacted during this grant period?
- What is the projected number of people (kids and adults) that will be impacted during this grant period?
- Will your organization be directly distributing food or meals to children or adults in need?

If you answered 'Yes' to the above question, please provide answers to the following five questions. If you answered 'No', you may skip the next five questions.

1. Please provide the projected pounds of food to be distributed the grant period?
2. What days of the week will your organization distribute meals? If your organization has more than one site distributing meals and their days of operation will vary, please choose all days of the week applicable across distribution sites.
3. Which of the following meal types do you plan to serve across all distribution sites?
4. What food or meal distribution options will be available?
5. Which of the following marketing tactics, if any, will your organization utilize to promote the availability of meals during your emergency relief efforts?

Please provide information on your community and the specific needs your project will address. Please include any relevant demographic information about the population you are trying to reach, such as age, income, homelessness rates, and race/ethnic composition including persons of color, immigrant families, and tribal communities.

How does your thinking about racial equity inform how you develop and implement your programs?

The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated long-standing systemic health, social and economic inequities, disproportionately impacting historically underserved racial and ethnic groups. Please describe organizational efforts during this time to elevate and address the needs of People of Color and any efforts to ensure decision-makers are reflective of the community your organization serves.

Please help us better understand the race and ethnic diversity of the community served by your organization or program for which you are submitting a grant application. If an individual identifies as more than one race, such as Black and Hispanic, please include this in "Two or More Races."

- If you do not know the race or ethnicity category of the community served, please enter 100 under "Unknown" in order to continue. Please refer to NCEC race and ethnicity definitions if further guidance is needed
- A minimum value of 0 needs to be entered for each category in order to continue. Do not leave any fields blank.

Total percentages should not exceed 100%.

American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian
Black or African American	Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander
Hispanic or Latinx	Two or More Races
White	Unknown

Which of the following communities will be impacted by this grant funding.

Will grant funding impact local or state-wide efforts?

List other organizations, if any, you are working with on the project and the role of each.

BUDGET

*Grant funds are intended for your organization to use to help address barriers and challenges that will enable you to serve more meals through your nutrition and emergency food programs. Please use the table below to provide details on how the grant funds will be used. We prefer to fund items that will help sustain your programs beyond the grant year. **You may add up to nine budget categories.***

Category	Description of item and how it will be used:
Estimated cost of item	Purpose of Cost of Category

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ADDITIONAL COINACTS

Contact	Primary Role
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UNDERSTANDING GRANT REQUIREMENTS

If awarded funding, I understand I will be required to:

- a. Expend the grant award for the purpose(s) approved in grant award letter by the deadline stated in the grant letter.
- b. Submit a final report at the end of the grant cycle; specific reporting requirements will be communicated at the time of grant award notification.
- c. Permit a representative from No Kid Hungry to visit my program at a convenient date(s) to see my program in action.
- d. Cooperate, if asked, with a representative from No Kid Hungry to publicize the grant award and how it has contributed to the success of my program.
- e. Understand that grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength and the No Kid Hungry Campaign. You will be notified immediately if corporate partners are sponsoring this opportunity.