SCHOOL NUTRITION GRANT OPPORTUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
KENTUCKY

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 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 across Kentucky to respond to the growing needs and emerging opportunities to provide meals and resources to kids and families.

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
Grant applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funds are expended.

GRANT AMOUNT
Average grant amount: $10,000- $15,000

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 child nutrition programs and/or leveraging other programs to combat food insecurity such as emergency food programs (weekend meal programs, school pantries, etc.), student and family outreach and engagement, and 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. 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 meals served and support kids and families, including:

- Ensuring 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 offering universal breakfast and lunch (served at no cost to all students) through the Seamless Summer Option waiver or Community Eligibility Provision - Grant funding will be prioritized for school districts that are specifically implementing strategies related to improving access to school breakfast as part of their nutrition plan
- 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 and supporting enrollment of SNAP, WIC and Pandemic-EBT programs as well as the Child Tax Credit

Examples of how funds may be used:
- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to serve meals, including implementing Breakfast After the Bell programs, such as: 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 or provide additional services such as breakfast and lunch served in the classroom or meal delivery for virtual learners
- New costs associated with COVID-19 precautions like no-touch point of service machines, hand washing stations, PPE equipment, and cleaning supplies
- Non-reimbursable food costs for school food pantries or backpack programs
- Program outreach, benefit enrollment assistance, and marketing costs
- Transportation costs associated with meal delivery such as refrigerated trucks or fuel
- 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 SY21-22
- 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.

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. After you have logged into the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal, click "Start a New Application" on the Home page.
4. Input the following access code to gain access to the application: **KYSchoolNutrition2022**. 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."

SAMPLE APPLICATION

To view a sample application, please click here.

QUESTIONS?

Program related: Kate McDonald, No Kid Hungry Kentucky Campaign Director, kate@feedingky.org
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CHILD NUTRITION ACCESS GRANT OPPORTUNITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
KENTUCKY

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The No Kid Hungry Child Nutrition Access Grant Opportunity will provide funding to community organizations and government entities 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 and/or summer months.

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

ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES

Communities Experiencing Inequalities:
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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 community organizations 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 emergency food programs (weekend meal programs, school pantries, etc.), children and family outreach and engagement, and federal nutrition program enrollment. Applications should address both the immediate need of alleviating hunger and supporting children, as well as the long-term sustainability of programming.

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APPLICATION DUE DATE
Grant applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funds are expended.

GRANT AMOUNT
Average Grant Amount
$10,000 - $15,000

USE OF FUNDS

Grant funding is available for community organizations offering support to school districts or filling gaps where school districts are unable to provide meals. Funds are intended to support organizations in having the adaptability to meet the changing needs of children and families. Community organizations can leverage a variety of strategies to increase meals served and support kids and families, 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
- 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 meal availability to children 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

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
- 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 food pantries, backpack programs, or adult meals
- Program outreach, benefit enrollment assistance, and marketing costs
- Additional expenses as needed

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:
- Reporting and authorized signature contact information
- Demographic information such as estimated free and reduced eligibility and service locale
- Information about your current and planned food and nutrition programs during the grant year
- Detailed description of grant funding program objectives
- Detailed budget of anticipated use of funding

TO NOTE

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Additionally, we understand that programming may vary and change throughout the grant year. 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.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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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: **KYChildNutrition2022**. 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."

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