

School Food Service Programs

1. **Purpose:** The Federal Code of Regulations require an annual “State Funding Requirement” for states that administer USDA Child Nutrition Programs (7CFR 235.11), this is referred to as the state match. \$7,111,000 of the state general fund were appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

2. **Description of services provided:** Funds are used for:
 - The elimination of the reduced price breakfast co-pay for eligible reduced price students in public schools, all grades.
 - The elimination of the reduced price lunch co-pay for eligible reduced price students in public schools, grades K-3.
 - Free and reduced price breakfast assistance that provides public schools additional funds for every free and reduced price breakfast meal served.
 - Additional funding for returning Summer Food Service Sponsors, based on the number of meals served the previous year.
 - Funding for competitive grants available to public schools to start a breakfast program, increase breakfast participation or implement alternative breakfast delivery models.
 - Funding for competitive grants available to summer meal program sponsors to start a new summer meal program, improve meal quality or improve equipment.

3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**
 - Elimination of reduced price co-pay (lunch and breakfast): Public schools, tribal compact schools and charter schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.
 - Free and reduced price breakfast assistance: Public schools, tribal compact schools and charter schools participating in the School Breakfast Program.
 - Summer Food Program Funds: Returning Summer Food Service Program sponsors which may include public, private, tribal compact and charter schools, tribal organizations, units of local, county or state government, public or private nonprofit residential camps or Upward Bound Programs, and Private nonprofit organizations.
 - Breakfast Grants: Public schools, tribal compact schools and charter schools participating in the School Breakfast Program.
 - Summer Grants: Summer Food Service Program sponsors including public, tribal compact, charter and private schools, tribal organizations, units of local, county or state government, public or private nonprofit residential camps or Upward Bound Programs, and Private nonprofit organizations.

Beneficiaries in 2017-18 School Year:

- Elimination of reduced price co-pay for lunch and breakfast (number of students with *access* to the National School Lunch Program):

# of School Districts:	293
# of Schools:	1,973
# of Students:	1,097,350

- Free and reduced price breakfast assistance (number of students with *access* to the School Breakfast Program):

# of School Districts:	286
# of Schools:	1,889
# of Students:	1,059,418

- Summer Food Program Funds:

# of Sponsors:	156
# of Schools:	790

- Breakfast Grants:

# of School Districts:	26
# of Schools:	39

- Summer Grants:

# of Sponsors:	14
# of Sites:	18

FY 18 Funding:

State Appropriation:	\$7,111,000.00
Federal Appropriation:	\$0
Other fund sources:	\$0
TOTAL (FY18)	\$7,111,000.00

4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding? If yes, explain: Yes. If state funds are not available, the state will not be eligible to receive USDA Child Nutrition Program funding.

5. Recent State Funding:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Amount Funded</i>	<i>Actual Expenditures</i>
FY18	\$7,111,000	\$7,027,533
FY17	\$7,111,000	\$6,992,208
FY16	\$7,111,000	\$7,110,647
FY15	\$7,111,000	\$7,082,102
FY14	\$7,111,000	\$7,100,529

2018 Details of Funding and Expenditures

	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
Elimination of co-pay	\$2,086,400.00	\$2,174,580.73
Breakfast assistance	\$4,653,600.00	\$4,529,622.00
SFSP Support Funds	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Breakfast Grants	\$201,000.00	\$174,098.45
Summer Grants	\$70,000.00	\$48,038.20

6. Number of beneficiaries (e.g., schools, students, districts) history (number of students with access to the National School Lunch Program):

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i># of Students</i>
FY18	1,097,350
FY17	1,074,011
FY16	1,059,654
FY15	1,053,646
FY14	1,043,438

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any): None
8. Evaluations of program/major findings: None
9. Major challenges faced by the program: Passage of HB 2610 will have major financial impact to school meal programs. Foreseen issues include:
- Decrease in the number of free and reduced price applications being submitted as there is less incentive to do so. Will negatively impact other programs / funding that rely on free and reduced price meal eligibility data.
 - Increase in student meal debt as paid students may take advantage of the fact they cannot be denied a meal.
10. Future opportunities: Additional funding to allow for the elimination of the reduced price co-pay for all grade levels would ensure meals for all students in need. Funds could also be moved between the six activities.

11. **Statutory and/or Budget language:**

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations: \$7,111,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and \$7,111,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 are provided solely for state matching money for federal child nutrition programs, and may support the meals for kids program through the following allowable uses:

- (1) Elimination of breakfast copays for eligible public school students and lunch copays for eligible public school students in grades kindergarten through third grade who are eligible for reduced-price lunch;
- (2) Assistance to school districts and authorized public and private nonprofit organizations for supporting summer food service programs, and initiating new summer food service programs in low-income areas;
- (3) Reimbursements to school districts for school breakfasts served to students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch, pursuant to chapter 287, Laws of 2005; and
- (4) Assistance to school districts in initiating and expanding school breakfast programs.

12. **Other relevant information:** N/A

13. **List of schools/districts receiving assistance:** All districts participating in the National School Lunch Program

14. **Program Contact Information:**

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