

Criteria Used to Select NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Awards

The amount of funding that OSPI had for the equipment assistance grants was \$1,588,047.00. We had requests for equipment totaling over \$11,606,000.00. We just did not have enough money to go around.

However, we used a variety of methods to try to make the selection as fair as possible. USDA mandated that we use a competitive grant process and that we give priority to those schools having 50% or more free and reduced price eligibility. We incorporated these two factors into our selection process.

In addition, we looked at the following:

1. For each piece of equipment requested, we gave points based on the correlation of cost per student and free and reduced percentage. (highest score = 100; in which free and reduced percentage is 100% and cost per student is under \$25.00. lowest score = 18.8445, in which free and reduced percentage is 50 – 54.99 percent FRP and cost per student is over \$475.00).
2. For each piece of equipment requested, we gave points based on expenditures as a percent of revenue, as reported on the 1800 report (Report 1800C. Percent was divided by -10).
3. Each grant request was read by two separate grant readers and scored, based on a maximum of 30 points per reader (Section 1: Questionnaire; Section 2: Budget; 3: Overall Presentation).