Breakfast Meals for Kids Grants

The Washington State Legislature provides funds for annual competitive grants available to public school districts:

- Start a breakfast program;
- Increase participation in an established breakfast program;
- Or implement an alternative breakfast delivery model such as breakfast in the classroom.

All federal, state, and local procurement laws must be followed.

**How to qualify for the grant:**

- Public school districts, Charter Schools, Tribal Compact Schools may apply.
- Sponsor the School Breakfast Program (SBP).
- Plan to start a new SBP in a school not already participating.
- Your school(s) may prepare meals on-site, receive meals from another school that participates in a USDA Child Nutrition Program; or may contract with a food service management company.

**This funding may be used to improve or start the SBP by:**

- Purchasing food service equipment.
- Providing staff training.
- Providing outreach to students, families, and school staff.
- Improving efficiency, sanitation, or safety in the food service area.

**Grant Evaluation Criteria:**

Proposals from all school districts will be evaluated and ranked by a committee established pursuant to WAC 392-157-140 based on the following criteria which are listed in descending order of importance:

1. A start-up of a new SBP.
2. The number of students that will be affected by the purchase or project while allocating the funds to the greatest number of districts practical.
3. The effect of the purchase or the project on the participation of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals.
4. Time frame in which a new program will be started and/or how quickly the improvements can be made as the result of the purchase or project.
5. The availability of other sources of money for the proposed purchases or project.
6. Necessary assurances provided by the school district for the continuation of the program after the purchases are made or the project is completed.
7. The projected effect of the purchase or project on program quality.
8. The amount of grant money available.
9. The geographic dispersion of the grantees.
Grant Timeline & Details:
✓ December – Grant application opens in iGrants.
✓ February – awardees notified.
✓ June 30 – finalize purchases – including delivery.
✓ July – submit supporting documents.
  • Including, but not limited to: Purchase orders, Delivery receipts, Invoices, Proof of payment, Time and effort forms, Payroll summary reports, and travel documents.

Resources:
✓ OSPI CNS Grants Webpage

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