NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant are federal funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. This grant provides funds for local education agencies (LEAs) to purchase equipment to serve healthier meals.

Schools must purchase equipment that improves the quality of school meals. The equipment must also assist with serving more fruits and vegetables in school meals. LEAs may purchase equipment that:

• Improves food safety;
• Improves school food service operations efficiency;
• Or improves or expands participation in the NSLP or School Breakfast Program (SBP).

How to qualify for the grant:
✓ Be a NSLP sponsor.
✓ Have 50% or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
✓ Specify how the requested equipment will improve school meals.

Highlight in your application:
✓ Who you will collaborate with for the grant.
✓ How the equipment will support your goals for improving nutrition quality and student health.
✓ How the equipment will help improve food safety, improve energy efficiency of food service, increase participation, allow you to serve new foods, or how it will help strengthen your food program.
✓ The need for grant funding and availability of existing state and local funding for equipment purchases.
✓ The age of food service equipment.

Grant Timeline & Details:
✓ November – Grant opens
✓ January – Applications due
✓ March - Awardees notified
✓ September – awardees have until September 30 of the following fiscal year to:
  • Expend grant funds.
  • Submit an annual summary report.
✓ All federal, state, and local procurement laws must be followed. Specific information to this grant can be found in the iGrants application.
✓ Follow federal procurement rules and submit supporting documentation.
✓ All requests must meet the definition of equipment according to USDA, state regulations, or local policy. Specific information to this grant can be found in the iGrants application.
✓ Prior to the release of funds, all expenses must be submitted to OSPI, this includes but is not limited to – delivery receipts, miscellaneous pre-approved costs, invoices, and proof of payment.
Resources:
- [✓] OSPI CNS Grants Webpage

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