

Commissioner's Memo
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National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants- Fiscal Year 2021

Memo Information

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Unit Child Nutrition

Regulatory Authority SP 13-2021

Response Required NO

Attention Superintendents; Principals; General Business Managers; Child Nutrition Directors/Managers

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Memo Text

The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 authorized \$30M for the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to provide grants to State Agencies (SA) for providing equipment assistance to School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Arkansas has received NSLP Grant funds in the amount of \$343,565. These funds will assist SFAs in purchasing equipment that is needed to serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and to help support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the School Breakfast Program. Funding is to be awarded based on a competitive grant process that is fair and equitable. Priority will be given to LEAs, who meet the application requirements, that have at least 50 percent of the students eligible for free or reduced price meals or Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) claiming percentage, however Local Education Agencies (LEA) with less than 50 percent can receive the grant based on other criteria.

Detailed information is enclosed in the Instructions and Application attached.

Deadline for Application submission is

4:30 P.M., FRIDAY, October 15, 2021

For further information regarding the NSLP Equipment Assistance Competitive Grant application, contact the district's Area Specialist, Bailey Farnsworth, or Meredith Mannix at (501) 324-9502.

Attachments:

2021 NSLP Equipment Grant Instructions
2021 NSLP Equipment Grant Application

Attachments

- [2021_AR_Equipment_Grant_Instructions_152628.pdf](#)
- [2021_AR_NSLP_Equipment_Assistance_Grant_and_Checklist_152905.pdf](#)