

CHILD NUTRITION ACCESS GRANT OPPORTUNITY NATIONAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



The No Kid Hungry Child Nutrition Access Grant Opportunity will provide funding to community organizations and government entities to maximize child nutrition programs and other emergency food programs and resources to ensure children and families have access to healthy meals at school and at home.

No Kid Hungry knows that community organizations and government entities play a key role in ensuring children receive access to nutritious meals and food need to learn, grow and thrive to reach their full potential. These flexible grants will allow organizations and government entities across the country to respond to the growing needs and emerging opportunities to provide food and resources to kids and families.

ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES

Equity Priority:

The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated long-standing systemic health, social and economic inequities, disproportionately impacting racial and ethnic minority groups. To ensure we are supporting individuals and communities most impacted, we will prioritize grant funds to organizations and projects serving majority-minority communities, including immigrant populations. We will also provide funds to rural communities where organizations face unique challenges in addressing hunger.

Economic and COVID-19 Impact:

Grant funds will also be provided to communities experiencing economic hardship and having existing or increasingly high COVID-19 infection rates. In determining economic impact, No Kid Hungry will review data points to include: free and reduced eligible students, unemployment rates, child food insecurity rates, and the social vulnerability index score^[1].

Ability to Serve Kids Today and in the Future:

Taking into consideration equity, economic hardship and COVID-19 impact factors, funds will be prioritized to support organizations and projects with a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in the child nutrition programs and/or leveraging other programs to combat food insecurity. Examples include emergency food programs as well as conducting outreach or providing enrollment support to help children and families access federal nutrition programs. Applications should address both the immediate need for supporting children and their families and alleviating hunger, as well address long-term sustainability of programming.

[1] <https://svi.cdc.gov/>

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis; Applicants will be notified no more than four weeks after submission date

GRANT AMOUNT

\$15,000- \$100,000

USE OF FUNDS

Grant funding is available for community organizations and government entities to leverage a variety of strategies to increase meals served and support kids and families in this new operating environment, including:

- Working with school districts to ensure maximum student participation and improving meal quality in federal nutrition programs like School Breakfast, School Lunch, Afterschool Meals and Snacks, and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program as well as the Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option as needed during emergency school closures
- Providing meals during weekends and out-of-school time through Afterschool Meals and Snacks, backpack programs, community and school food pantries, food delivery, and other food distribution sites
- Promoting awareness of federal nutrition programs and meal availability to students and families, especially for free and reduced-price eligible students
- Leading advocacy efforts related to or promoting SNAP, WIC and Pandemic-EBT programs and supporting enrollment in these programs

Examples of how funding may be used include:

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to increase or modify emergency food programming, including grab and go carts, insulated coolers/warmers, packaging equipment and supplies, refrigerators, and retrofitting existing equipment to meet new needs
- Costs of hiring additional staff positions or increasing hours for existing staff to meet increased demand as a result of COVID-19 or provide additional services like meal delivery
- Transportation costs associated with meal delivery such as refrigerated trucks or fuel
- New costs associated with COVID-19 preparedness like no-touch point of service machines, hand washing stations, PPE equipment and cleaning supplies
- Non-reimbursable food costs for school food pantries, backpack programs or adult meals
- Program outreach, enrollment assistance and marketing costs
- Additional expenses as needed

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- Reporting and authorized signature contact information
- Demographic information such as estimated free and reduced eligibility and service locale
- Information about your current and planned food and nutrition programs during the grant year
- Detailed description of grant funding program objectives
- Detailed budget of anticipated use of funding

TO NOTE

Grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength. You will be notified upon receipt of the grant award if a corporate partner is sponsoring the grant award.

Additionally, we understand that programming in the upcoming grant year may vary and change throughout the grant year. Please submit your application with your current thinking for how your organization plans to increase or improve access to emergency food and federal nutrition programs throughout the year and any potential emergency service plans. If you are awarded funds, you will be required to submit quarterly progress reports that accurately describe your project implementation, as well as changes in participation and/or meal service delivery as programming adjusts to the evolving operating environment.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log into or create an account for the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal at <https://nokidhungrygrants.force.com/>
2. To create a new account, click “New User”.
3. To begin your application after you have logged into the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal, click “Start a New Application” on your Grantee Dashboard located on the top left corner of your home page, below the No Kid Hungry logo.
4. Input the following access code to gain access to the application: **CommunityNutrition2021**. Click “Start Application” to begin.
5. Be sure to input all required answers and save frequently as you are inputting information. Complete the application when all information is entered by clicking on “Review Your Answers” and then “Submit Your Answer.”

QUESTIONS?

For all program-related or Grants Portal-related questions, please reach out to the No Kid Hungry Grants Help Desk: GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org.