

Montana Office of Public Instruction

School Nutrition Programs Grants, School Nutrition Payments, & Other Helpful Program Information for Auditors

Entitlement/Block Grants

Award Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

FAIN #: 233MT306N1099

School Lunch Program (and Afterschool Snacks) – Federal Regulations CFDA #: 10.555

<https://www.cfda.gov/>

7 CFR Part 210 & 245 <http://www.gpo.gov>

School Breakfast Program – Federal Regulations CFDA #: 10.553 <https://www.cfda.gov/>

7 CFR Part 220 <http://www.gpo.gov>

Summer Food Service Program – Federal Regulations CFDA #: 10.559 <https://www.cfda.gov/>

7 CFR Part 225 <http://www.gpo.gov>

Special Milk Program for Children – Federal Regulations CFDA #: 10.556

<https://www.cfda.gov/> 7 CFR Part 215 & 245 <http://www.gpo.gov>

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

CFDA #: 10.582 https://www.cfda.gov

Section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42. U.S.C. 1769

Award Period: October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

FAIN #: 233MT376L1903

Pricing

- [Reimbursement Rates](#)
- [Adult Meal Prices Memo](#)

Paid Lunch Equity

- [Negative/Excess Balances for SY 2021-22](#)
- [Negative/Excess Balances for SY2022-23](#) will be available here soon.

School Nutrition Payments

- [District Clerks & Business Managers](#)
- [County Superintendents & Treasurers](#)

Summer Food Service Program

- Summer Food Sponsors
- County Superintendents & Treasurers

State Match

- Districts Clerks & Business Managers
- County Superintendents & Treasurer

USDA Foods Program

The USDA Foods Program provides 100% American grown foods such as meats, vegetables, fruits, grains, and dairy products to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program through entitlement funds. USDA Foods support the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and school meal pattern requirements to make it easier for schools to prepare healthy meals.

DoD Fresh Program

The Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program allows schools to use USDA Foods entitlement dollars to buy fresh produce.

- The USDA DoD Fresh Program is operated by the Defense Logistics Agency at the Department of Defense.
- Schools choosing to participate in this program allocate funds at the time of the Annual Survey in February.
- Grasmick Produce holds the contract to deliver the DoD Fresh Program to Montana schools and institutions. The Montana Office of Public Instruction works with the Defense Logistics Agency and Grasmick Produce to provide participants with high quality products and service.

Value of USDA Foods 2023

FY 2023 NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants for School Food Authorities

CFDA #: 10.579

Award Amount: \$60,153

Award Start Date: April 1, 2022

Award End Date: September 30, 2024

FAIN #: 223MT604N8103

CFDA #: 10.579

Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability
7 CFR Part 210 <http://www.gpo.gov>

Award Amount: \$130,792
Award Start Date: October 1, 2022
Award End Date: September 30, 2024
FAIN #: 233MT031I5003

Summary

The purpose of the Equipment Assistance Grants is to distribute funding allocations provided by the Agriculture Appropriations Act. State agencies competitively award equipment assistance grants to eligible school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), giving priority to high need schools (i.e., schools in underserved areas, schools with limited access to other resources, and age of food service equipment) where 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. These funds will allow SFAs to purchase equipment to serve healthier meals that meet the updated meal patterns, with emphasis on more fruits and vegetables in school meals, improve food safety, and expand access.

FY 2022 Farm to School State Formula Grant

CFDA#: 10.645
Award Amount: \$682,693
Award Start Date: September 30, 2022
Award End Date: September 30, 2026
FAIN#: 223MT031I2003

Summary:

Pursuant to Section 1001 of the American Rescue Plan Act (P.L. 117-2), the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will provide \$60 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the 54 State agencies¹ administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency (supply chain resiliency). The funds will support State agency efforts to coordinate and provide technical assistance to build and increase the capacity of participating institutions to procure and use local foods in program meals as well as provide agricultural education opportunities for participating children.

The importance of the Farm to School infrastructure to supply chain resiliency became evident during the supply chain disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. School food authorities and State agencies with strong Farm to School practices already in place were better able to adapt to the disruptions. Providing the Farm to School State Formula Grants to all State agencies prioritizes improvement of supply chain resiliency as a whole across State agencies. The agricultural education opportunities for participating children also contribute to agricultural supply chain resiliency because such opportunities build a stronger consumer base and demand for agricultural products as well as increase interest in supporting or even becoming an agricultural producer in the future.

Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative Period of Performance

CFDA#: 10.185

AMS Award Amount: \$727,981

Award Start Date: November 1, 2022

Award End Date: July 31, 2023

Summary:

Through the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS), the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) will purchase and distribute local and regional foods and beverages for schools to serve children through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. These products will be healthy and unique to their geographic area, with the goal of improving child nutrition and building new relationships between schools and local farmers.

“This cooperative agreement supporting Montana schools is another example of how USDA is working to build a more resilient food system rooted in local and regional production,” said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. “The Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program provides an opportunity for states to strengthen ties between local farmers, ranchers, food businesses and schools, and gives students access to nutritious foods unique to the area they live in, building stronger connections across local communities.”

“Strengthening relationships between local producers and schools is a long-term strategy to ensure our children always have access to nutritious foods in school, a win-win for child health and American agriculture,” said Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services Stacy Dean. “Through this program and many other efforts to support the school meal programs, USDA is committed to giving schools the tools they need to set children up to learn, grow, and thrive.”

With the LFS funds, OPI will expand the volume and variety of local products purchased as well as the number of Montana suppliers who conduct business with schools.

USDA-FNS-CN SUPPLY CHAIN ASSISTANCE FUNDS

First Round

CFDA# 10.560 (this number changed on the second GAD)

Award Amount: \$ 3,639,907

Award Start Date: January 1, 2022

Award End Date: September 30, 2023

FAIN#: 223MT901N8903

- SCA Round 1 Payments to Schools - March 2022

Second Round

CFDA# 10.555

Award Amount: \$3,490,480

Award Start Date: January 1, 2022

Award End Date: September 30, 2023

FAIN#: 223MT901N8903

- SCA Round 2 Payments to Schools - December 2022

Third Round

CFDA# 10.555

Award Amount: \$2,254,430

Award Start Date: October 1, 2022

Award End Date: September 30, 2023

FAIN#: 233MT901N8903

- SCA Round 3 Payments to Schools - March 2023

Summary:

The United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has approved federal funding to be made available in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 for supply chain assistance. This funding is in response to the unprecedented challenges in purchasing and receiving food that operators of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)¹ and School Breakfast Program (SBP) are experiencing in School Year (SY) 2021-2022. As a result of supply chain disruptions, school meal program operators in some localities across the nation have had to significantly revise planned menus, popular and previously available food items may have become more difficult to procure, and in some cases, shortages and price fluctuations have made it difficult to provide the meals which are appealing to students and meet the NSLP/SBP nutrition and meal pattern requirements.

To assist school districts with these supply chain disruptions FNS is allocating up to \$1 billion in relief funding to State agencies. These resources will be referred to as Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funds. As these challenges are both extensive and widespread, the SCA funds are targeted to provide a rapid and direct response via financial relief to affected school districts.

State agencies will distribute SCA funds to School Food Authorities (SFAs) to be used exclusively to purchase unprocessed or minimally processed domestic food products (also referred to as commodities) to help SFAs deal with challenges such as unanticipated cancellation of food contracts, reduced availability of certain foods, unexpected substitution of certain products, unpredictable increases in food and supply prices, and other obstacles related to pricing and/or availability that have been reported to or identified by State agencies administering the Child Nutrition Programs.

FY 2022 Team Nutrition Training Grant for School Nutrition Professional Readiness and Retention

CFDA#	10.574
Award Amount:	\$925,585
Award Start Date:	May 23, 2022
Award End Date:	June 30, 2024
FAIN#:	218MT200N3503

Summary:

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) will implement the Montana School Meals Certificate Program to provide virtual, on-demand, and in-person training for school nutrition professionals, with specific outreach to school nutrition professionals working with schools on American Indian reservations. These trainings will focus on improving and expanding meal service delivery methods. Incentives of \$500 for each school nutrition director and \$100 for

each frontline staff member will be provided to encourage completion of the training and to foster retention of school nutrition professionals. Montana OPI will contract with an Indigenous chef to train school nutrition professionals at tribal schools on the use of Indigenous foods as part of school meals. Sub-grants of \$7,500 will be provided to 50 school food authorities to purchase equipment needed to prepare school meals and ensure safe food storage; supplies needed for student taste-testing events; and school meal serving items.

FY 2021 Child Nutrition Technology and Innovation Grant

CFDA# 10.541

Award Amount: \$1,890,997

Award Start Date: September 30, 2021

Award End Date: September 30, 2024

FAIN#: 218MT789N7603

Summary:

In each of the past two fiscal years (FYs) of 2020 and 2021, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94) and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) have provided the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) with \$25 million (totaling \$50 million) in State funding for the purposes of developing, improving, and maintaining automated information technology systems use to operate and manage all Child Nutrition (CN) Programs (i.e., School Meal Programs, Summer Food Service Program, and Child and Adult Care Food Program). These funds will replace the competitive CN Technology Innovation Grant (TIG), which were previously administered by FNS in FYs 2017 and 2019, and be offered to eligible State agencies via a non-competitive process, per the Appropriations bills. FNS recognizes that State CN technology investments are essential to improving program accountability, data accuracy, program performance measurement, and the capacity to identify and target error-prone areas within and across the CN Programs at the State and Local Educational Agency or Sponsor Organization.

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