

**National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
Equipment Assistance Grants
2024**

The US Department of Agriculture awarded an Equipment Assistance Grant (EAG) to the NCDPI. EAG funds are to be distributed to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) that participate in the NSLP.* The total amount of funding available is \$909,188. State Board of Education (SBE) procedures for the competitive/discretionary grant application review process, as described in SBE Policy CNTR – 001, were followed. The following is a synopsis of the grant applications and proposed distribution of funds.

49 SFAs submitted proposals for a total of \$2,131,092.08*

- 36 Traditional Public-School Districts (105 schools) \$1,917,981.98
- 11 Charter Schools \$157,516.74
- 1 Non-Public School \$8,983.38
- 1 Residential Child Care Institution \$46,609.98

25 SFAs are recommended for grants for a total of \$906,629.20 *

- 23 Traditional Public-School districts (88 schools) \$ 866,000.80
- 1 Charter School \$ \$32,603.40
- 1 Residential Child Care Institution \$8,025.00

Upon approval by the SBE, the attached SFAs will be awarded the NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants provided from the 2023 Federal budget that will be used to purchase food preparation and service equipment for use in the SFA's School Nutrition Programs. The names of the schools, the specific equipment requested in the school application, and the cost of the equipment (as stated in the lowest vendor's bid) are shown in the attached table.

*Note: Any educational unit of high school grades or under, recognized as part of the educational system in the State and operating under public or nonprofit private ownership is eligible to participate in the Federally assisted School Nutrition Programs administered by the NCDPI (7 CFR 210.2).