



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
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Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Grant –

Item Name

FBO – Grant – FY2023 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize the State School Superintendent to award a grant to School Food Authorities (SFAs) at a cost not to exceed \$1,229,986 in Federal Funds for the reimbursement of expenses from the purchase of school nutrition equipment.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

- Ongoing Operations

Rationale

These funds will allow SFAs participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to replace or purchase new equipment to support the service of quality school meals, food safety, and increased participation in the school nutrition program.

Details

Objective: To reimburse SFAs for the replacement or purchase of new nutrition equipment.
Grant Recipient: Allocations to SFAs provided.
Grant Amount: \$1,229,986
Funding Source: Federal Funds
Grant Period for Recipient: April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025
Renewal: N/A
Budget History:
FY2022: \$3,713,191
FY2021: \$1,249,694
FY2020: \$1,279,139

Performance

Describe how the grant will be monitored to ensure satisfactory performance: This grant is structured as a reimbursement program, with funds allocated to each state by the United States Department of Agriculture. The awarded schools will purchase equipment in accordance with the approved budget and submit claims for reimbursement. State staff will review the claim documentation, verifying invoices and the purchase of approved equipment. Claims will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure timely reimbursement of funds. State staff will also monitor expenditures through quarterly and annual reports and conduct site visits to verify equipment purchases.

Performance, criteria, and results: Successful performance will be ensured by reviewing documentation submitted with claims for reimbursement. Proper supporting documentation will be required for all claims before payment is approved. Performance will also be measured by regularly monitoring grant

expenditures. As funds become available for reallocation, schools on the waiting list will be awarded. This will ensure maximum utilization of grant funds before their expiration.

Performance Metrics: The State Agency will use its claims review process, grant utilization reports, and site visits to both measure and inform successful grant performance.

Summary

Scope of Grant:

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (Public Law 117-328) allocated \$1,229,986 to the state of Georgia for grants to SFAs participating in the NSLP to purchase nutrition equipment. Once awarded this grant, the SFAs must submit a bid for the equipment, award the bid, purchase, and install the equipment before submitting a claim for reimbursement. The funds expire on September 30, 2025.

Purpose of Grant:

The funds will allow SFAs to purchase much needed equipment to improve the quality of school meals, improve food safety, and expand participation in the school nutrition program.

History:

How the Grant Recipient was Selected:

- Formula Grant
- Competitive Grant (FOGA Number 160-1-4.275)

Describe the grant process:

SFAs submit an application for the grant. Priority is given to schools that have not received the grant in any prior year. The age of the equipment to be replaced and operating cash balances are also considered. Awards are determined based on the average of three quotes provided by each applicant. Funds remaining after claims reimbursement will be reallocated and awarded to schools on the wait list.

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