

Summer Meals Grant Application-IL

Purpose:

This application is for funding from No Kid Hungry to help organizations expand access to and participation in USDA-supported summer meals programs. If you wish to learn more about SFSP/NLSP summer meals and the summer meals program, please see <http://www.summerfood.usda.gov/>.

Applicant Eligibility:

Applying organization must be:

- A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization currently in good standing, and/or other organization recognized by the IRS as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions
- An SFSP or NSLP summer meal program sponsor for summer 2018. You must have already started the SFSP application process with your state agency at the time you submit your grant application. We will accept grant applications from organizations that have started the process and/or are awaiting approval from your state agency; however grants will only be awarded to organizations that are approved as program sponsors.

Program Eligibility:

The goal of this program is to increase the number of children participating in SFSP/NLSP summer meals programs. Share Our Strength endorses the following strategies to increase participation in summer meals:

- Increasing days of service at existing sites. We will prioritize applications where sites add at least 5 service days during the summer.
- Adding a second meal type (including breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper) at existing sites.
- Adding new sites in underserved or high-need areas, which may include partnering with new organizations like libraries, schools, etc., and developing new mobile meal routes.

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds:

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ONLY ONE GRANT APPLICATION

Capacity Building Grants (CBGs):

- The typical grant amount for a Capacity Building Grant (CBG) is **up to \$10,000**. Examples of use of funds for this type of grant are: building new mobile meal routes, large equipment purchases, etc.
- As a general rule we do not provide funding for the cost of food. When possible, we prefer to fund expenses that will benefit your program beyond summer 2018.
- In order to be eligible to apply for a capacity building grant you have to be a returning Summer Meals Sponsor with more than two sites under your sponsorship
- Applicants that meet these requirements and are interested in applying for this grant please contact: Sonianne Lozada at slozada@gcfd.org
- Applicants that meet requirements and are interested in applying for this grant are required to go through a pre-assessment process before completing the online application. If an applicant does not go through a pre-assessment process before completing the online application they will not be considered for the Capacity Building Grant.

Mini-Grants

- The typical grant amount for a mini-grant is **up to \$5,000**. Examples of use of funds for this type of grant are: equipment, personnel, transportation, and other non-food program expenses.
- New sponsors and returning sponsors are eligible to apply for this grant.
- As a general rule we do not provide funding for the cost of food. When possible, we prefer to fund expenses that will benefit your program beyond summer 2018.
- Mini-Grants Application Deadline is April 13th.

Reporting Requirements:

If funded, you will be required to complete a report on the following:

- Financial report on use of funds
- Participation numbers (similar to information that is already required for sponsors to report for the USDA)

- Narrative report on the successes and challenges of your program over the course of the summer

Selection Process:

Grant applications will be evaluated based on:

- Adherence to Eligibility and Requirements guidelines
- Ability to reach high-need populations and/or areas under served by summer meals programs
- Growth potential for summer meals participation
- Information provided in proposal describes an understanding of the specific needs in your community, and a well-thought out plan for your summer program
- Funds requested are connected to the needs and plan presented in the proposal
- Applicants will be notified of grant status within 4-6 weeks of the application deadline.
- Grant payments will be issued after we have confirmed that you have been approved as an SFSP/ NSLP summer meals sponsor by your state agency, and after we receive your signed grant agreement letter.
- As general requirement all potential grantees will go through a pre-assessment process where a No Kid Hungry team member will contact them via phone or email to set up an appointment to discuss their summer meals program further.

Mini-Grant Application Due Date: April 13, 2018

Maximum request amount: Capacity Building Grant up to **\$10,000**
Mini-Grant up to **\$5,000**

Application Access:

To apply for a No Kid Hungry grant, please follow the below directions:

1. Ensure that you are using either Mozilla Firefox or Chrome browsers to access our portal. **Please do not use Internet Explorer as it may cause unintended technical difficulties.**
2. You must first be logged in to our No Kid Hungry Grants Portal by visiting: <https://nokidhungrygrants.force.com/>. If you do not have an account, please first make sure to register [here](#).

If you have an account but have trouble logging in, please reset your password [here](#) or email our help desk at grantshelpdesk@strength.org. Please note that your username is the first half of your email. For instance, janedoe@gmail.com has a username of janedoe.

3. To begin your application, please click the following link:
https://nokidhungrygrants.force.com/FGM_Portal_CommunitySignupRejected?id=a0l4100004pRvqAAE&ln=en_US
4. Complete the application and click “save and next” before hitting “submit”.

Have Questions?

For questions about eligibility or requirements to apply for this grant or about the summer meals program in general, please email Sonianne Lozada at slozada@gcfd.org or for technical support, please contact GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org.