Afterschool Meals Grant Application-IL

Purpose:

This grant opportunity is funded through No Kid Hungry to help At-Risk Afterschool Meal (aka "Supper") sponsors expand participation in afterschool meals and extended day meal programs that receive reimbursement through the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

Our overall goal is to help ensure all children get the nutritious meals they need each day. Our priority is to help sponsors maximize their ability to provide students in eligible afterschool programs with a full supper meal using the USDA's At-Risk Afterschool Meals program, which provides reimbursement for each supper meal and afterschool snack served in eligible afterschool enrichment programs. If you wish to find more information regarding CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals, please visit http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/afterschool-meals.

Applicant Eligibility:

- All applying organizations must be either 501(c)(3) nonprofits currently in good standing, schools/school systems, local government agencies able to accept grants, or churches/tax-exempt religious organizations not required to apply for official 501(c)(3) status.

- Approved to provide CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals for the upcoming school year. You must have already started the CACFP 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 supper program must be:
- Located in an eligible site or area, and
- Served in conjunction with an eligible afterschool enrichment program.

Within the scope of the purpose above, the following programs are top priorities for support:
- Starting new CACFP supper programs in conjunction with eligible afterschool enrichment programs.
- Supper sponsors currently providing afterschool snacks supported by either CACFP or the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) who wish to expand their program to provide a full meal in place of or in addition to a snack.
- Supper sponsors currently providing a CACFP supported supper, looking to expand or enhance their program to help them reach more children.

Eligible Uses of Grant Funds:

Funding may be used to help with costs associated with starting or growing a supper program, including, but not limited to:
- Staffing
- Equipment
- Program costs (per USDA guidelines, programs that wish to provide a full supper must provide some kind of enrichment programming)
- Outreach to increase enrollment

- Support to offset registration or other enrollment fees for low-income families
- Transportation

Reporting Requirements:

If funded, you will be required to complete a report on the following:
- Quarterly participation numbers
- Final financial report on use of funds
- Final report 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
- Program sustainability beyond the grant funding period
- Growth potential for CACFP afterschool meals and snack program participation.
- All applicants must submit a complete application; incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Due Date: March 22, 2017

Maximum request amount: $2,500

Application Access: To apply, click **here**

Have Questions?

If you have any questions about the application or the CACFP afterschool meals program in general, please contact Sonianne Lozada, slozada@gcfd.org or for technical support, please contact GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org.

For additional FAQs, technical assistance and resources with details instructions for completing this application, please visit our Help Desk Resources Page.