

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 2016. 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:

Funding may be used for equipment, personnel, transportation, and other non-food program expenses. 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 2016.

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.

Application Due Date: April 7, 2017

Maximum request amount: \$5,000

Application Access: To apply, click [here](#)

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, 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](#).