



## 2021 Arkansas Emergency Meals Support Grant Description and Application

Sponsored by the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Services – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

**The Arkansas Emergency Meals Support Grant program is 100% funded through an Arkansas Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families subgrant to the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance in the amount of \$393,750. The entire amount of those funds will be used to award Emergency Meals Support Grants to Arkansas school districts and community organizations providing USDA meals to children during the COVID-19 pandemic.”**

**As required by TANF, ALL applicable federal and state income eligibility, record-keeping, procurement, non-discrimination, labor, environmental or similar requirements will apply to Arkansas Emergency Meal Support Grant awardees.**

The Arkansas Emergency Meals Support Grant will be administered by the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance to support school districts and community organizations sponsoring or planning to sponsor U.S. Department of Agriculture reimbursable meals for students and other children ages 18 and under as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response. These grants will be targeted to support the transportation and related meal delivery needs of emergency meal sponsors to enable them to continue to serve the nutritional needs of children in their community in the wake of this crisis.

School districts or community organizations sponsoring in-school or out-of-school meals under approved USDA child nutrition COVID-19 waivers may apply for grants to support their meal delivery:

**average grant size = \$13,000**

**Grant period: February 15, 2021 – March 3, 2021 (11:59pm)**

**GRANT REQUESTS ARE DUE BY MARCH 3, 2021 AND FUNDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY MARCH 15, 2021.**

*Applications received after March 3rd will not be considered for this grant cycle.*

Questions? Contact:

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*Grant approvals will be announced Monday, March 15, 2021.*

**Reporting Requirements:** Final grant reports are **due January 15, 2022**, including meal participation data, program narrative and final financial report. Interim reporting will also be required quarterly. *Each grant recipient will be required to document the use of the funds by sending copies of receipts, photos of purchases or improvements and by completing a short reporting form that will accompany the award letter.*

**All monies must be spent by June 30, 2021.**

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