

Afterschool Meals Grant Application Announcement-Arkansas

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

Application Guidelines:

Before starting the application, please plan to have the following information available:

- Historic supper and snack sites, and total meals, if you are a returning sponsor. Projected sites and meals for both new and returning sponsors.
- Reporting contact information
- Key strategies you have taken/plan to take to implement your program and anticipated challenges
- Detailed budget outline of grant request

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.

Maximum request amount: Program dependent.

Application Due Date:

- The online application will remain open from July 10, 2017-March 30, 2018 for grantees to complete an application. **Please note: grant reviews will take place on following dates.**
 - Applications submitted between **July 10-August 20** will be reviewed and awarded by September 8, 2017
 - Applications submitted between **August 21-November 1** will be reviewed and awarded by November 24, 2017
 - Applications submitted between **November 2-March 30** will be reviewed and awarded by April 6, 2018

Comment [NB1]: Note to partners advertising RFP: we recommend only advertising for the first grant review period, until August 20. Then listing the second review period on August 21st.

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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](#).
3. 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.
4. You may review our FAQs and other helpful documents that address technical assistance and resources with detailed instructions for completing this application, by visiting our [Help Desk Resources Page](#).
5. To begin your application, please click the following link: https://nokidhungrygrants.force.com/FGM_Portal_CommunitySignupRejected?id=a0l4100004pRuxAAE&In=en_US
6. Complete the application and click "save and next" before hitting "submit"
7. If you are submitting multiple applications, you will need to click the link in step five again.

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 year

Additional Resources:

- [Afterschool Meals Application Guide](#)
- [No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices-Afterschool Meals](#)

Have Questions?

If you have any questions about the application or breakfast after the bell implementation, please contact SiKia Brown at Sbrown@arhungeralliance.org or technical support, please send an email with a description of the issue you are facing to grantshelpdesk@strength.org.