

MICHIGAN  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Criteria for National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

**PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT**

The National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance grant will provide funding to school districts that need equipment assistance to operate the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Meals Programs. Priority for this assistance will be given to schools that serve a student population where 50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free/reduced price meal benefits in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT**

Competitive     Formula     New     Continuation    (*check all that apply*)

To provide funds to support the purchase of food service equipment necessary to operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 authorized the USDA to fund formula grants to each State Agency (SA) administering the NSLP. These SA funds will be used to support competitive grants for school districts that are approved to operate the National School Lunch Program and have a need for equipment assistance.

**CRITERIA**

Date criteria were last approved: New criteria

Defined in Legislation     Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder     Proposed by Staff

The U. S. Department of Agriculture will be providing further details regarding the expectations for program implementation. The applicants for this grant program will be held to a high standard of accountability through rigorous specificity in the application, reporting, and evaluation process, as required by the additional federal guidance.

Grants will be based on building-level information but awarded to districts. Applications will be reviewed for the following:

- Selected schools must be approved to operate the NSLP.
- Each school district must submit an application for participation.
- Schools that have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free/reduced price meals will be given priority.
- School districts must identify the need for equipment assistance.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT**

Eligible applicants include public school districts, public school academies, non-public schools and residential child care institutions that are currently participating in the NSLP. Priority for grant awards will be given to schools that have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free/reduced price meals.

**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Approximately \$2.5 million is anticipated to be available to Michigan.

**LEGISLATION**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides funds for the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et. seq.), except section 21, and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. et. seq.), except sections 17 and 21, \$100,000,000 to carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.

Complete information can be obtained at:

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111\\_cong\\_bills&docid=f:h1enr.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h1enr.pdf).

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