



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin

Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin No. 4 - 2026 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant is Now Available in NexSys (Next Generation Grant, Application and Cash Management System)

Michigan has received over \$250,000 in federal funds to provide sponsors with grants to purchase, renovate, install, and/or replace food service equipment. The grant funding is meant to help schools serve healthier meals, improve food safety and to help support the School Breakfast Program.

The application deadline for the grant is Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM

Who Can Apply?

Any sponsor participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), including:

- Public School Districts
- Public School Academies
- Intermediate School Districts
- Nonpublic School Districts
- Residential Child Care Institutions

Sponsors that participate in **10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms** should consider applying for equipment to help clean, prepare, store, or freeze Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and beans. Michigan produce can be served year-round if it is dried or frozen.

Application Timelines:

The grant application is now open in [NexSys](#). More information about NexSys can be found on the [MDE NexSys](#) website. The application deadline for this grant is **Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM**. It is expected that grant funding will be awarded by September 30, 2025.

Grant amounts:

Minimum: \$1,000 per piece of equipment (minimum equipment cost without delivery or installation).

Maximum: \$25,000 per building/site (maximum equipment cost with delivery or installation).

New for 2026, sponsors are required to review the [NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Webinar](#) prior to completing the application. Important Information for NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant and other grant-related information is available on MDE's [NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant](#) website. Questions can be sent to MDE-CNP-Procurement@michigan.gov.

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