

Spending Ideas FOR Emergency Operating Costs Reimbursement Program Funds – School Nutrition Programs

Reimbursement Funds must be deposited in the Nonprofit Food Service Account and **used in accordance with normal program requirements.**

ACCEPTABLE USE OF THESE FUNDS:

- To offset current deficit in Nonprofit Food Service Account.
- Used in the future in accordance with normal meal operations.
- Investments in the program like improving food quality, equipment, kitchen or serving line renovations, Point of Sale systems, or additional staffing.
- Reimburse general fund or other local funds used to supplement the Nonprofit Food Service Account during the reimbursement period to offset the impact of pandemic operations on that account. This is a one time event and only time when this is allowed.
- Contact MDE to discuss other options at MDE-Fiscal@michigan.gov

ALLOWABLE COSTS

- Food Service Equipment
- Kitchen or Serving Line Renovations
- Cafeteria Renovations (potential shared cost)
- Cafe Tables and Chairs (potential shared cost)
- Improve Food Quality with more local fresh fruits and vegetables, whole muscle protein foods, etc.
- Invest in the Breakfast Program
- Refresh Smallwares
- Point of Sale Systems
- Hire Additional Food Service Staff or Increase Wages
- Ask MDE about other Allowable Items

UNALLOWABLE COSTS

- Costs that Benefit Non-Food Service Programs
- Land Acquisition
- Infrastructure Costs
- Contingency Fees
- Security Cameras
- Public Announcement Systems
- Air Conditioning
- Ask MDE about other Unallowable Items