

Michigan School Breakfast Program (SBP) Expansion Grant

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced two rounds of mini grants to directly benefit the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) will be able to apply for \$10,000 to increase school breakfast participation by expanding and/or promoting the school breakfast program; or increase nutritional content and/or quality of food served in the school breakfast program.

The SBP Expansion Grant Objectives:

1. Provide subgrants to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) for qualifying schools to establish, maintain, or expand the SBP.
2. Increase breakfast participation in qualifying schools.
3. Increase nutritional content and/or quality of food served.

To qualify as a potential sub-recipient, a school must be considered “severe need.” For a school to be severe need, 40% or more of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) lunches served at the school were served to free and reduced-price eligible students. **The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is using severe need and eligibility data from SY 2019-2020 (FY 2020).**

As part of the sub-recipient grant application, LEAs/schools will identify activities that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Establish, promote, or expand their SBP
- Extend the period during which school breakfast is available during the day
- Provide school breakfast to students at the qualifying school during the school day
- Increase the nutritional content and/or quality of food served

Funds may only be used to expand, maintain, and/or begin a School Breakfast Program at buildings designated as severe need. The funds may be used at one or multiple buildings based on specific need.

Funds may be requested for:

- Purchasing equipment (kiosks, thermal bags, tablets/handhelds for mobile POS counts, additional garbage cans, breakfast carts, etc.)
- Staff training (hiring a local Chef to teach skills)
- Short-term labor costs to support staffing for initial implementation and kick off
- Kick-off/grand opening event including promotional materials to announce to parents/students
- Taste-testing new breakfast items
- Adult meals when a teacher/administrator/support staff join students for breakfast
- Model the importance of breakfast to start the day

*This list is not all inclusive.

Grant Award Timeline:

- SBP Expansion Grant application will be available July 2023
- Applications must be submitted by September 6, 2023
- All applications will be reviewed, and Grant Award Notification Letters will be sent out in October 2023
- All approved sub-recipients will receive \$10,000 in grant funds available for use in FY 2024
- All grant funds must be spent by June 30, 2024
- An evaluation must be completed and submitted to MDE by August 28, 2024; evaluation details can be found below

Evaluation Expectation for Participating LEAs:

An evaluation form will be provided to all sub-recipients and must be submitted to MDE by August 28, 2024. The evaluation will include information on Universal Free Breakfast as well as basic details about how the grant funds were used.

Any questions can be directed to the School Nutrition Program at (517) 241-5374 or MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov.