

What Can Your School Purchase with Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds?

SCA funds can be used to purchase domestic food products that are unprocessed or minimally processed. Meaning, food that comes cut, whole, pureed, fresh, frozen, dried, or canned is acceptable.

Purchase local! Michigan grown produce that is in season this spring in March/April: broccoli, cabbage, asparagus, mushrooms, leafy greens, and herbs.

SCA funds can be used with the **10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms** program to provide up to 10 cents per meal in match funding to purchase Michigan grown fruits, vegetables, and legumes.

SCA funds CAN be used for what programs? The National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Seamless Summer Option, or After School Snack Program.

SCA funds can NOT be used for what programs? The Special Milk Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Summer Foodservice Program, or Child and Adult Care Food Program. Funds are not allowed to provide extra free meals or snacks to students. The food purchased with SCA funds must be used as part of a reimbursable meal or snack.

Allowed

- Domestic food products originating from the United States. Purchasing local Michigan grown food products is encouraged.
- Food that comes whole, cut, pureed, fresh, frozen, canned, or dried.
- Examples: sliced peppers, cut carrot coins, pumpkin puree, fresh apples, frozen peaches, canned corn, dried cherries.
- Dairy products such as milk, shelf stable milk, cheese, and yogurt. Flavored milk and yogurt are acceptable.
- Fruits such as apples, blueberries, cherries, grapes, peaches, pears, raspberries/blackberries in fresh, frozen, or canned states.
- Vegetables such as broccoli, carrots, peas, lettuce, in fresh, frozen or canned states.
- Grains such as pasta, rice, corn, oats, whole wheat flour.
- Animal products that are whole, in pieces, or ground. Such as chicken breast, turkey/ham deli meat, ground turkey/beef, eggs, canned seafood.
- Legumes such as (canned) garbanzo beans, kidney beans, black beans, and lentils.

Not Allowed

- Food that is purchased from outside of the United States (i.e., Canada, France, Germany, India, Mexico).
- Grains that have been altered such as baked goods, crackers, breads, muffins, tortilla chips, pizza, and pre-packaged sandwiches or meals such as ready-to-eat breakfast cereals.
- Meat and food that is ready-to-eat or requires no further preparation than heating. Examples include chicken nuggets, lasagna, hot dogs.

What is the deadline for spending the money?

USDA has provided a tentative deadline of September 30, 2023. That means you can spend the money in School Year (SY) 2022-2023. It does *not* have to be spent by June 30, 2022.

What is the grant code to use?

CFDA# 10.555, Accounting Grant Code 851X, MDE Program ID# 220910

For more information see [Supply Chain Assistance Funds Allocation](#).

Links Used in This Document:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/allocation-supply-chain-assistance-funds>