

# *OSPI Child Nutrition Services Grants Reference Sheet*

## **Breakfast Meals for Kids Grant**

The Washington State Legislature provides funding for annual competitive grants available to public school districts. Funds may be used to:

- ✓ Start a School Breakfast or other school meal program;
- ✓ Increase participation and/or quality in an established meal program;
- ✓ Or improve the equipment and facilities used in an established meal program.

All federal, state, and local procurement laws must be followed.

### **How to qualify for the grant:**

- ✓ Be a public school district, charter school, or tribal compact school.
- ✓ Sponsor a school meal program, these include: School Breakfast Program (SBP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- ✓ Your school(s) may prepare meals on-site, receive meals from another school that participates in a USDA Child Nutrition Program; or may contract with a food service management company.

### **This funding may be used to improve or start the SBP or other school meal program by:**

- ✓ Purchasing food service equipment.
- ✓ Providing staff training.
- ✓ Marketing your program.
- ✓ Providing outreach to students, families, and school staff, including translation services.
- ✓ Improving efficiency, sanitation, or safety in the food service area.

### **Grant Evaluation:**

Proposals will be scored and ranked based on responses provided in the Breakfast Meals for Kids 2024–25 Application Workbook. Please review the Breakfast Meals for Kids Grant application resources on the [OSPI Child Nutrition Grants webpage](#) for more details.



## Grant Timeline & Details

- ✓ December 2024 — Grant Application Materials are made available on the [OSPI Child Nutrition Grants webpage](#).
- ✓ January 30, 2025 — Grant Application submission ends at 5:00 pm PST.
- ✓ February 2025 — Awardees notified.
- ✓ June 30, 2025 — All grant activities must be completed and all equipment on-site.

## Resources

- [OSPI CNS Grants Webpage](#)

## Acronym Reference

- CNS – Child Nutrition Services
- LEA – Local Education Agency
- OSPI – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- SBP – School Breakfast Program
- USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
- WAC – Washington Administrative Code