

OSPI Child Nutrition Services Grants Information Sheet

Plant Based Meals Grant Application

The Washington State Legislature provided \$75,000 to support grant for schools seeking to implement more plant-based meal options in school year 2024–2025. These funds will be distributed as competitive grants up to \$10,000 per school district to be spent during SY 2024–25. Applications must be certified by two authorized representatives of the Local Education Agency (LEA). Food Service Management Company representatives cannot certify the grant application.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm on December 19, 2025

Grant Period: January 2025 – June 30, 2025

Reporting Requirements

- ✓ Report how many students were impacted by grant activities.
- ✓ Provide a success story with 1-3 photos depicting grant activities.
- ✓ Report what foods were served and/or included in educational activities.

Application Questions

1. How will this grant help you increase plant-based school meals served? (select all that apply) (up to 50 points)

	Points
<input type="checkbox"/> Teach students about plant-based foods through nutrition or agricultural education.	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Develop culturally appropriate plant-based meals.	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Engage with students in planning, development, and testing of plant-based menu items.	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Create or improve a school garden.	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Incorporate locally sourced plant-based foods on menu.	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase plant-based meat alternatives or plant-based fluid cow's milk alternatives.	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Standardize plant-based recipes to implement in your menu.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase scratch cooking of plant-based meals.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase plant-based meat alternatives or plant-based fluid cow's milk alternatives.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Other- describe planned activity in open text box.	2



2. Describe how you plan to use these funds. In your response, please be sure to address each of the activities you checked off above. (up to 10 points)
3. Have you applied for applicable federal funds before applying for state grant funds? (answer does not affect grant scoring)
 - If there is a federal grant application open (i.e. NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant), it is required that LEAs apply for applicable federal grants before applying for state grants. If applicable federal grants are not available, please select “yes”. This is in reference to [RCW 28A.235.150](#): “If applicable, school districts shall demonstrate that they have applied for applicable federal funds before applying for funds under this subsection.”

Grant Amount Requested

1. Would you accept partial funding? This question will not impact your scoring.
2. Please enter the details of your request in the table.
 - Obtain three (3) quotes for each request equal to \$10,000. Or one (1) quote if less than \$10,000. Attach all quotes to your submission email.
 - Include the full price per item including tax, freight, and delivery charges. If applicable, also include the cost of installation and/or wiring fees. If not included, these costs will not be reimbursed. Example of table shown below:

Type	Description	Quantity	Total Cost	New
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Sample Fridge</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>\$ 465.99</i>	<i>New</i>

Other Scored Criteria

We will average the free and reduced-price meal eligibility in all district schools where activities will be implemented (using 2023 October Building Data).

Criteria	Point Value	Criteria	Point Value
95-100 %	10	60-64.9%	3
90-94.9%	9	55-59.9%	2
85-89.9%	8	50-54.9%	1
80-84.9%	7	49.9% or less	0
75-79.9%	6		
70-74.9%	5		
65-69.9%	4		