

OSPI Child Nutrition Services Grants Reference Sheet

Summer Meals for Kids Grant

The Washington State legislature has provided \$125,000 for the Summer Meals for Kids grant. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) operates in schools and communities where 50% or more of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

This is a competitive grant for existing SFSP sponsors in good standing.

Special Emphasis for Summer 2025:

- ✓ Adding new SFSP sites.
- ✓ Expanding an existing program.
- ✓ Programs operating in a rural area ([as defined by USDA](#) or [No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Map](#))
- ✓ Programs that have never received a grant from OSPI CNS in the past.

How the Grant May Be Used

- ✓ Increase the number of sites participating in the summer meal programs and/or the reach of a site through a meal distribution program.
- ✓ Increase the number of meals served in existing programs and sites.
- ✓ Begin or expand promotion and outreach for SFSP, including Washington's Farm-to-Summer Week (July 14–1, 2025).
- ✓ Provide training to staff and volunteers for operation of new equipment, outreach activities, etc.
- ✓ Improve meal quality, equipment, or small supplies used in the program.

Examples:

- ✓ Marketing materials such as vehicle wraps, billboard space, sandwich boards, or printing of marketing materials (i.e. stickers, door hangers, etc.).
- ✓ Meal delivery vans/buses/food trucks.
- ✓ Portable plug-in coolers.
- ✓ Portable hand washing stations.
- ✓ Gardening equipment and supplies for meal site gardens that are used to provide food to the program and/or support nutrition education activities.



Grant Evaluation

Proposals from will be scored and ranked based on responses provided in the SM4K 2025 Application Workbook. Please review the [Summer Meals for Kids Application Information Sheet](#) for more details.

Timeline

- ✓ March 1st, 2025 – Grant Application Materials are made available on the OSPI [Child Nutrition Grants](#) webpage
- ✓ March 31st, 2025 – Grant Application submission ends at 4:00pm PST.
- ✓ April 2025 – Awardees notified.
- ✓ June 30, 2025 – Grant activities must be complete.

Acronym References

- SFSP- Summer Food Service Program
- OSPI- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- SM4K- Summer Meals for Kids Grant