

OSPI Child Nutrition Services Grants Information Sheet

Plant Based Meals Grant Application

The Washington State Legislature provided \$150,000 to support grant for schools seeking to implement more plant-based meal options in school year 2022–2023. These funds will be distributed as competitive grants up to \$10,000 per school district to be spent during SY 2022–23.

Applications are due by 4 pm on December 6, 2022

Grant Period: December 6, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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. In which schools will you be implementing grant activities?
2. How much funding are you requesting? Districts and independent schools not operating under a district may request up to \$10,000 total.
3. Please check off which activities you will implement with these grant funds during the 2022-2023 school year (check off all that apply):
 - ☐ Purchase plant-based meat alternatives to replace meat in one or more menu item (1 point)
 - ☐ Standardize plant-based recipes to implement in your menu (2 points)
 - ☐ Teach students about plant-based foods through nutrition or agricultural education (2 points)
 - ☐ Purchase creditable plant-based fluid cow's milk alternatives (1 point)
 - ☐ Purchase equipment to support storage, preparation, and service of plant-based meals (2 points)
 - ☐ Pay for additional staff time to implement grant activities (1 point)
 - ☐ Purchase incentives or provide stipends for advisory group members (1 point)
 - ☐ Incorporate locally sourced plant-based foods on menu (2 points)
 - ☐ Funds will support the development and/or service of culturally appropriate plant-based meals (such as plant-based halal and kosher menu options), including engagement with these communities to identify foods that meet their cultural needs (2 points)



- ☐ Will use to support scratch cooking (2 points)
 - ☐ Engage with students in the planning, development, and testing of plant-based menu items (Work with a student advisory council, conduct taste tests with students, conduct a student survey to identify ideas and needs, etc.) (2 points)
 - ☐ Other (please describe planned activities) (1-2 points): [insert free response box]
4. Describe how you plan to use these funds.
In your response, please be sure to address each of the activities you checked off above. Please also describe your school/district's financial need (i.e. what financially prevents your district from implementing these changes using existing funding sources?). (20 points possible)

Other scored criteria:

We will also average the free and reduced-price meal eligibility in all district schools where activities will be implemented (using 2019 data). For applicants with an average of 40% or more free and reduced-price meal eligibility, an additional 5 points will be awarded.