



Kentucky Summer Grant Opportunity Call for Applications

The No Kid Hungry Summer Grant Opportunity will support **expansion of non-congregate summer feeding models** by providing funding to sponsors operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in rural communities.

Application Due Date: April 9, 2026. We encourage applicants to apply as early as possible as grant decisions will be made on a rolling basis until all funding has expired.

Grant Amount: Grant amounts will vary, depending on size and need of each applicant. Average grant amounts typically range from \$5,000-\$15,000

NO KID HUNGRY KENTUCKY GRANTING PRIORITIES

No Kid Hungry is dedicated to ending child hunger by focusing efforts in communities where the need is greatest and the opportunity for impact is highest - working to break the cycle of poverty and address the barriers that contribute to child food insecurity. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding to school districts in the following communities:

- Communities where at least 60% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- Communities experiencing high levels of child hunger and poverty
- Communities where schools/school districts face unique challenges in addressing hunger
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points

Please visit the No Kid Hungry website to learn more about [No Kid Hungry's grantmaking beliefs and values](#), as well as how [No Kid Hungry prioritizes grant funds](#).

USE OF FUNDS

Grant funds will be prioritized for summer meals sponsors seeking to expand reach of non-congregate meal programs in high-priority communities.

Strategies may include:

- New sponsors who have previously not served non-congregate meals launching programs to operate in new areas with gaps in service.
- Existing sponsors adding new non-congregate meal sites and/or increasing accessibility of existing sites by keeping sites open additional hours, increasing the number of meals being served, shifting hours to better meet community needs, or improving site locations.
- Leveraging non-congregate models which have been demonstrated to be more effective at reaching kids, including home delivery and mobile route distribution.
- Maximizing program operations to serve the maximum allowable number of meals each week and for the duration of the summer.

Budget requests may NOT include:

- Requests that seek to maintain existing non-congregate program offerings with no plans to expand or serve more non-congregate meals than summer 2025.

- Funding to support congregate summer meal programs.
- Funding to eliminate or reduce student meal debt.
- Supplies and equipment needed to support food access programs not associated with the federal child nutrition programs, including school gardens or farms, school pantries, backpack programs, etc.
- Supplies, equipment, and/or funding to support school building or capital investments (e.g. cafeteria redesign).

TO NOTE

A [summer grant rubric](#) will be used to help No Kid Hungry staff make consistent decisions about the strength and potential impact of grant applications.

All No Kid Hungry grants are privately funded and are not affiliated with state or federal government funding. Grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength. You will be notified upon receipt of the grant award if a corporate partner is sponsoring the grant award.

We recognize that meal service plans for summer 2026 may undergo changes. When applying for this grant, please include your current thoughts on how your district intends to run meal service throughout the year. If your application is approved, you will be required to provide a progress report at the end of the summer ([sample report](#)). This report will allow you to provide updates on any modifications made to your original plan.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Visit the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal at <https://nokidhungry.my.site.com>. *Please do not use Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge when registering or working within the portal.*
- To create a new account, click “New User.” If you have previously used the Portal, log into your account with those existing credentials.
- Click “Start a New Application” on the Homepage of the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal.
- Input the following access code to start an application: **KYSchoolRNC26**.
- Be sure to input all required answers and save frequently as you are inputting information.
- Once all questions are completed, click “Review Application.”
- Download your application as a PDF and then click “Submit.”

To view a sample application, please [click here](#).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- Detailed description of grant funding program objectives,
- Information about your current and planned food and nutrition programs for Summer 2026.
- School Nutrition Director and Superintendent contact information.
- Historic district-wide enrollment and program details.
- Detailed budget of anticipated use of funding within the grant period.
- Strategies used to elevate and address the needs of people of color in your community.

QUESTIONS?

Program related: John Cain, john@feedingky.org

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