



Funding Opportunity – Feeding Missouri’s Children Meals After School in 2025 and 2026

No Kid Hungry Missouri, a project of the [Missouri Family and Community Trust](#) (MoFACT) and the [University of Missouri Center for Health Policy](#), invites organizations to apply for funding to support **afterschool meal** programs for children.

Competitive grants of up to **\$5,000** will be awarded to organizations seeking to increase access to afterschool meals supported by the USDA’s Child and Adult Care Food Program ([CACFP](#)) for “At Risk Afterschool” facilities. (Please refer to the “project priorities” section below.)

Eligibility

Qualified applicants must:

- Be a school or nonprofit organization serving children in low-income areas through participation in the CACFP during school year 2025-2026;
- Be one of the following:
 - An existing CACFP sponsor with good standing in Missouri; or
 - An existing CACFP site with good standing in Missouri; or
 - A new site or sponsor that is up and running no later than **Dec. 1, 2025**
- Be in good standing with the [Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#) (DHSS) (if you are an existing site or sponsor) or the [Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education](#) (DESE);
- Be registered to do business and in good standing with the [Missouri Secretary of State’s Office](#) (non-profits only – public schools are automatically considered “registered”)
- Serve meals/snacks in Missouri; and
- Complete and submit this application no later than **5 p.m. CST May 12**.

Key Application Dates	
Open Date	April 11, 2025
Optional webinar for applicants (Q&A)	Wednesday, April 23 at 1 p.m. (Register here)
Close Date	Monday, May 12 at 5 pm Central
Application Link	

Project Priorities

[No Kid Hungry-Missouri](#) prioritizes grant applications from low-income areas of the state that are most likely to result in:

- a sustainable increase in meals served to children
- increased food security for vulnerable communities in Missouri
- new partnerships between child-serving organizations in communities such as schools and non-profit organizations that serve low-income communities

This project prioritizes applications from organizations that have not been awarded No Kid Hungry Missouri grants in the past. Past awardees will be considered, however.

As part of the application, applicants will be asked for a list of proposed items to purchase. Please note that we may approve all, some or none of the items requested.

Examples of items this grant has funded in the past:

- Cooking and refrigeration equipment such as stoves and refrigerators;
- Hot and cold food storage items such as proofers and coolers;
- Non-perishable food storage equipment such as shelving;
- Food display items such as salad bars and “grab and go” stations;
- Food service items such as reusable trays and utensils;
- Outdoor seating, such as picnic tables;
- Food transportation item such as carts and wagons; and
- Reusable items such as ice blankets and ice packs.

Interested applicants are invited to submit requests for these types of items. This is not an exhaustive list of items, and your application may request other items that will likely result in an increase in participation will be also considered.

This grant will not fund purchases for:

- Food;
- Advertising such as flyers, mailers, radio ads, customized signage;
- Fuel;
- Laptops, printers;
- Wages/salaries;
- Clothing;
- Single-use items such as disposable utensils, to-go boxes and food service gloves;
- Prizes or other incentives for meal participation;
- Outdoor lawn games; and
- Rental vehicles.

Participation in USDA child-nutrition programs

All organizations that participate in the USDA’s Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) which is administered by the DHSS in the state of Missouri as either a sponsor or a site, are eligible for this grant. New applications from organizations not yet participating in the CACFP must be participants before Dec. 1, 2025.

Contact the DHSS for more information about the [At-Risk, Afterschool Program](#).

Questions/Contact Information

For questions about this funding opportunity, please contact:

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