



## Funding Opportunity – Increasing school breakfast participation 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 schools to apply for funding to increase participation in breakfast programs for children. Competitive grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded. (Please refer to the “project priorities” section below.)

### Eligibility

Qualified applicants must:

- Be a school serving children in low-income areas through participation in the national school breakfast program during school year 2025-2026;
- Be in good standing with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Food and Nutrition Services);
- 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 1p.m. ( <a href="#">Register here</a> )
Close Date	Monday, May 12 at 5 p.m. Central
<a href="#">Application Link</a>	

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### 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 breakfast meals served to children
- increased food security for vulnerable communities in Missouri
- 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.

### Non-traditional school breakfast service models

Giving students more opportunities to eat breakfast at school makes sense. **While there are several approaches to this work, schools may consider** implementing one of [three approaches/service models](#) from [Share Our Strength](#). They include:

- [Breakfast in the Classroom](#)
- [Grab and Go Breakfast to the Classroom](#)
- [Second Chance Breakfast](#)

Applications may use one, or a combination of any of the above approaches. Applicants who can describe their service plan in detail -- especially with consideration to how they will encourage more students to eat school breakfast -- will be strongly considered for funding.



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;
- 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; and
- Prizes or other incentives for meal participation.

**Questions/Contact Information**

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