

# 2018 NRPA/WALMART FOUNDATION HEALTHY OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

### **What are the USDA Child Nutrition Programs that park and recreation agencies can participate in?**

- [Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#): SFSPs are run as open sites, enrolled sites or camps. Open sites serve free meals and snacks to all children in a low-income area, and enrolled sites serve free meals to all children enrolled in a program with at least 50 percent of children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Participating camps provide reimbursable free meals and snacks to children based on their individual eligibility.
- [Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\)](#): The CACFP's [At-Risk Afterschool](#) component provides up to one free snack and one free meal per child in attendance areas where at least 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. The program is available to OST programs during the school year, including on weekends and holidays.
- [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#): The NSLP's [Afterschool Care Snack Service](#) is available for programs sponsored or operated by a school district and allows for one snack to be served on regular school days. Your agency could participate in this program if you offer afterschool programs at school-based sites.

### **How do I know if our agency participates in the USDA Child Nutrition Programs?**

If your agency is the sponsor of the meal programs you are most likely aware that you participate in them.

If your agency is not the sponsor and meals come to your site from another sponsor (the local school district, food bank, other non-profit, etc.) you also most likely participate in these programs and are eligible to apply for the grant. Meals must be served at sites operated by parks and recreation.

**The best way to determine if you participate in one of these programs is to contact your meal provider and ask if they participate in the federally reimbursable USDA programs.**

## ELIGIBILITY

### **We are a nonprofit organization that partners with our local government to serve meals. Can we apply?**

No. The applicant for the grant must be a government agency (e.g., municipal park and recreation department, tribal recreation department, park district, etc.)

### **Do we have to be a current member of NRPA in order to apply?**

NRPA encourages membership to ensure that your agency has access to the full suite of education and resources available; however, you do not have to be a current member of NRPA to be eligible to apply.

### **Are we required to serve both summer and before/after school meals through USDA sponsored meal programs?**

Ideally your agency should serve both summer and before/after school meals through both SFSP, CACFP or NSLP. If you are not currently serving meals during summer and afterschool you will need to indicate in your application how you plan to start a program.

**We have fewer than 10 sites. Can we still apply?**

Yes, you may still apply if you have fewer than 10 sites. However, please indicate in your application the number of sites where you can implement the HEPA standards and provide nutrition education.

**Are we required to be the USDA meal sponsor in order to be eligible to apply?**

No, your agency is not required to serve as the USDA sponsor in order to apply for the grant. You may partner with another organization that serves as the sponsor, such as your local school district or another community-based organization. However, you must serve both summer and before/after school meals at your sites.

**My agency received an Out-of-School Time grant from NRPA in previous years. Are we eligible to apply again?**

No, unfortunately you may not apply for these grant funds.

**Who can I contact with questions about this grant?**

If you have questions regarding this grant opportunity, please email [outofschoolrfa@nrpa.org](mailto:outofschoolrfa@nrpa.org).

**GRANT REQUIREMENTS****What are the requirements for this grant?**

Grantees must agree to support these goals through their work:

1. Increase the number of healthy meals served to children from low-income communities;
2. Implement nutritional literacy programming to create behavior change and healthier eating;
3. Implement healthy eating, physical activity practices and policies at park and recreation sites.

**Are there any required trainings that my agency must attend?**

Grantees must attend 2 required virtual half-day trainings (Spring 2018, Fall 2018) to learn strategies for increasing meals, implementing nutrition literacy, implementing HEPA standards and adopting policies.

**What are eligible expenses for these grant funds?**

Expenditures that support your out-of-school time programs, such as transportation, equipment, staffing, marketing, supplies, etc. are eligible expenses. The funding cannot be used to purchase food unless part of the nutrition education activities. Please budget accordingly and list this expense as a line item on your proposed budget.

All grantees must maintain a detailed program budget and keep receipts. NRPA conducts a random audit of all grant programs. If your agency is selected to participate in the audit, you will be asked to submit your receipts.

**How many grants will be awarded?**

We anticipate that 20 grants in the amount of \$25,000 will be awarded nationwide in 2018. All communities will be considered.

**Who should provide a letter of support?**

The head of your agency (director, superintendent, etc.)

**Why are you asking for an optional letter of support?**

NRPA would like to know that the head of your organization supports not only your application for this grant, but also supports adoption of the Healthy Eating and Physical Activity (HEPA) standards at your out-of-school time sites.

**Who should the letter of support be addressed to?**

The letter must be provided electronically (a scan, PDF, etc.) and uploaded with your online application, but it can be addressed to:

National Recreation and Park Association  
22377 Belmont Ridge Road  
Ashburn, VA 20148