

# THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR CN EMERGENCY OP FUNDS!



## **PURCHASE EQUIPMENT!**

Do you have kitchen equipment that is old, broken, or in need of replacement? Use these funds to purchase equipment for your kitchen! This could mean multiple large pieces or just something small that you have been wishing for! \*



## **HELP TO PURCHASE FOOD DELIVERY VEHICLES!**

Does your school district/agency have food delivery trucks that could be replaced or would you like to purchase a truck to transport meals? You can use funds to purchase these vehicles as long as they are solely used for the food service department! \*



## **PAY SALARY AND BENEFITS!**

Did you know that you can pay salaries and benefits for food service staff and anyone else who devotes time to child nutrition program meals? Does your janitor help during breakfast and lunch? Does your business manager help with meal counts? As long as employees track their time, you can pay them with food service funds!



## **HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES!**

Is your kitchen short-handed? Maybe your Food Service Director could benefit from an assistant! Perhaps you could hire an Registered Dietitian to evaluate menus and conduct nutrient analysis, or hire a baker!



## **PURCHASE NEW FOODS!**

Does your school/agency purchase lots of processed foods? Funds can be used to purchase higher quality foods and help you do more "scratch" cooking. For example, full cuts of meat can be sliced and shredded in the kitchen or bread can be baked onsite.

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## STAFF BONUSES!

You can pay food service staff a bonus for all the hard work and dedication they have shown for the last year! You can also pay them hazard pay if you have a plan in place.



## UPGRADE YOUR POINT OF SERVICE!

Could your Point of Service system use an upgrade? Or could you purchase an electronic Point of Service system to make your meal service more efficient? \*



## ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS!

Does your school/agency only collect paper free and reduced price meal applications? Using funds to purchase an online application system may streamline the process of collecting and approving free and reduced price applications! \*



## INCREASE PARTICIPATION!

Do you have participation barriers or challenges unique to your school/agency? Do you have ideas on improving your lunchroom or kitchen area? Get creative with making your space inviting and exciting!



## OUTREACH AND EDUCATION!

Do your customers have input into meals you serve? Do you conduct taste tests? Find innovative ways to improve your menu items and serve things kids are excited to eat!

\*Prior approval from CANS may be needed. Please contact the CANS Office at 605-773-3413 or [DOESchoolLunch@state.sd.us](mailto:DOESchoolLunch@state.sd.us) for further guidance.