

School Lunch Equipment Grants: Support Farm to School

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) equipment grant applications are open for school year 2022-23. Over \$250,000 in USDA funding is available, which is more than four times the amount typically awarded. School Food Authorities (SFA) can apply for grants to obtain new equipment or to renovate or replace existing equipment.

Grants can be used to support Farm to School programming. Support local farmers and increase learning about food production in the classroom without increasing work:

- Commercial equipment to improve operation
- Automated slicers can peel 400 pounds of potatoes per hour
- Rotary tiller for a school garden
- Separate refrigerators for fruits and vegetables
- Salad bar for local produce
- Tilt skillet to sauté, braise, and boil
- Mashed potatoes are only the beginning with a countertop mixer

Eligibility

- Any SFA participating in the NSLP may apply
- Funds must be expended by the grantee, not passed onto a subrecipient
- Cannot be used for construction, salaries, food purchases

Find more information and the application on the [Child and Adult Nutrition Services School Nutrition Program webpage](#) under the Equipment Grants heading. Applications are due by mail (not email) and must be postmarked by Nov. 30, 2022.

Questions? Email DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us or call 605-773-3413.

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Storage

- Walk-in cooler
- Refrigerator
- Milk cooler

Preparation Efficiency

- Commercial automated food processor/slicer
- Automated potato peelers
- Meat slicer



Cooking

- Countertop steamer; full cabinet steamer
- Convection oven
- Commercial dishwasher