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The CANS office is announcing that Equipment Assistance Grants are available for school year 2026-2027.

Important dates

- Applications must be postmarked by December 11, 2026.
- Grants to qualifying SFAs will be announced no later than January 22, 2027.
- Funds must be fully expended by September 30, 2027.

Application

- The Equipment Assistance Grant application is available on the CANS/SNP website under the Equipment Grants heading.
- Applications must include the "wet" signature of the Authorized Representative.
- Only one application per School Food Authority (District) will be accepted.
    - Multiple pieces of equipment may be requested but only one may be funded.
    - Submit one complete application and attach an additional Part C: Equipment Information for each additional piece of equipment requested.
- Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Eligibility

- Applicants must participate in the NSLP.
- Any participating NSLP SFA may apply.
- Funds must be expended by grantee and not passed onto a subrecipient.

Use of Funds

- Funds may be requested for new equipment, renovation, or replacement of equipment; requests may be designated for the cost of equipment plus delivery and installation.
- Equipment must not cost less than $1,000.
- Maximum award amount is $25,000.
- Equipment purchases must help to improve at least one of the following focus areas:
    - Nutritional quality of school meals.
    - Efficiency of procurement, food storage, and distribution/service.
    - Food safety
    - Establish, maintain or expand the School Breakfast Program, including using strategies that provide more convenience and appeal to the student population.