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### Board Cover Memorandum

**To** Board of Education

**From** Denise G. Saddler, Interim Superintendent  
Sondra Aguilera, Chief Academic Officer  
Andrea Bustamante, Executive Director, Community Schools & Student Services Department

**Meeting Date** May 13, 2026

**Subject** Grant Agreement – Share Our Strength - No Kid Hungry – Community Schools and Student Services Department

**Ask of the Board** Ratification and acceptance by the Board of Education of a Grant Agreement with Share our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign, in the amount of \$97,500.00, to increase accessibility to school meals and and increase nutrition security, via the Community Schools and Student Services Department for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof.

**Background** No Kid Hungry is committed to addressing the systemic and structural inequities disproportionately impacting historically under-resourced communities. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding to school district in the following communities: Communities where at least 60% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals, rural and urban communities where schools/school districts face unique challenges in addressing hunger and communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points.

In 2026-2027, The OUSD Central Kitchen and Education Center (The Center), made up of Nutrition Services and Environment, Food and Garden Teams, will be implementing their Fuel the Future project plan aimed at increasing accessibility to school meals and increasing nutrition security. Our key partnerships with No Kid Hungry and FoodCorps will be two of the main pillars in carrying out the action steps in our plan. The funding proposed will support FoodCorps service Member stipends and match funding for supervising staff.

**Discussion** Acceptance of this grant will help the District expand access to and education around healthy local foods, address food insecurity, healthy eating habits and aligned standards-based curriculum.

**Fiscal Impact** Grants for OUSD students in an amount not to exceed \$97,500.00.

**Attachment(s)**

- Grant Management Face Sheet
- Grant Agreement
- Grant Application
- Requests for Proposal

## OUSD Grants Management Face Sheet

<b>OUSD Grants Management Face Sheet</b>	
<b>Title of Grant:</b>	<b>Funding Cycle Dates:</b>
School Nutrition Grant	7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027
<b>Grant's Fiscal Agent: (contact's name, address, phone number, email address)</b>	<b>Grant Amount for Full Funding Cycle:</b>
No Kid Hungry/Share our Strength	<b>\$97,500.00</b>
Mariela Donis, Sr Program Manager, Northern California 1030 15th Street NW Suite 1100W Washington DC 20005	
510-701-7920	
mdonis@strength.org	
<b>Funding Agency:</b>	<b>Grant Focus:</b>
No Kid Hungry/Share our Strength	<p>In 2026-2027, The OUSD Central Kitchen and Education Center (The Center), made up of the Nutrition Services and Environment, Food and Garden Teams, will be implementing their Fuel The Future project plan aimed at increasing accessibility to school meals and increasing nutrition security. Our key partnerships with No Kid Hungry and Foodcorps will be 2 of the main pillars in carrying out the action steps in our plan. The funding proposed will support FoodCorps Service Member stipends and match funding for supervising staff.</p>
<b>List all School(s) or Department(s) to be Served:</b>	
District wide approach with 8 Title 1 Elementary Schools (TBD) and 6 High Schools as initial sites.	

Information Needed	School or Department Response	
How will this grant contribute to sustained student achievement or academic standards?	The Center will increase access to school meals, breakfast and lunch. Access to healthy food is a basic need of students that can be addressed through the school meal program. Students who are well nourished will be able to focus on academic achievement and learning.	
<p>How will this grant be evaluated for impact upon student achievement?</p> <p><b>(Customized data design and technical support are provided at 1% of the grant award or at a negotiated fee for a community-based fiscal agent who is not including OUSD's indirect rate of 3.89% in the budget. The 1% or negotiated data fee will be charged according to an Agreement for Grant Administration Related Services payment schedule. This fee should be included in the grant's budget for evaluation.)</b></p>	We will be tracking meal participation by school through a school meal dashboard. Our food corps members will be engaging students in a variety of ways for feedback. We will also be looking at attendance at the schools we are targeting.	
Does the grant require any resources from the school(s) or district? If so, describe.	No	
<p>Are services being supported by an OUSD funded grant or by a contractor paid through an OUSD contract or MOU?</p> <p><b>(If yes, include the district's indirect rate of 3.89% for all OUSD site services in the grant's budget for administrative support, evaluation data, or indirect services.)</b></p>	Services are being paid through an OUSD contract or MOU	
<p>Will the proposed program take students out of the classroom for any portion of the school day?</p> <p><b>(OUSD reserves the right to limit service access to students during the school day to ensure academic attendance continuity.)</b></p>	No	
<p>Who is the contact managing and assuring grant compliance?</p> <p><b>(Include contact's name, address, phone number, email address.)</b></p>	Name/Title:	Michelle Oppen, Director of Programs, The Center
	Site:	922
	Address:	
	Phone:	415-823-4315
	Email:	michelle.oppen@ousd.org

<b>Applicant Obtained Approval Signatures:</b>		
<b>Name/s</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Signature/s</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Date</b></span>
Andrea Bustamante	Department Chief	<small>DocuSigned by:</small> <i>Andrea Bustamante</i> 3/31/2026
Sondra Aguilera	Chief Academic Officer	<small>806EC2B9F1FE4AB... Signed by:</small> <i>Sondra Aguilera</i> 4/2/2026 <small>B072CB8033AD406...</small>
<b>Grant Office Obtained Approval Signatures:</b>		
<b>Name/s</b>	<b>Entity</b>	<b>Signature/s</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Date</b></span>
	Fiscal Officer	
Dr. Denise Saddler	Superintendent	



March 23, 2026

Denise Saddler  
Interim Superintendent  
Oakland Unified School District  
1000 Broadway  
Oakland, California 94607

Dear Denise,

Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry Campaign is pleased to award a grant of **\$97,500.00** to **Oakland Unified School District** (Grantee). The purpose of this grant is to support your critical work to end childhood hunger, as described in your proposal, which is attached for your convenience.

**Please note:**

- We want to ensure you receive email communications about your grant. To make sure you receive our messages, please whitelist [grantshelpdesk@strength.org](mailto:grantshelpdesk@strength.org). Ask your IT administrator if you need assistance with this.
- Funding will be dispersed via an electronic funds transfer. You must be able to provide your banking information (below) in order for your organization to receive award funding. Paper checks will not be issued. Please contact [grantshelpdesk@strength.org](mailto:grantshelpdesk@strength.org) if you have any questions.

*Agreement Period*

This Agreement ("Agreement") shall align with the start and end dates listed in your application, if applicable, or begin on the date of this agreement and end one-year after the start date, unless earlier terminated hereunder or such period is extended by written agreement of both parties ("Agreement Period").

*Use of Grant Funds*

Grant funds may be used only for the budget items outlined in your proposal. Funds must be spent before the end of the grant Agreement Period. Grant funds may NOT be used to support lobbying. Prohibited lobbying includes direct or grassroots lobbying communications that reflect a view of support or opposition on a specific legislative proposal. Any unused funds at the end of the grant Agreement Period must be returned to Share Our Strength. Budget changes may be requested in advance, in writing, to Share Our Strength by emailing [grantshelpdesk@strength.org](mailto:grantshelpdesk@strength.org) with your organization's name and specific budget request.

*Reporting Requirements*

**By accepting these grant funds, Grantee agrees to provide four quarterly reports throughout your grant period accessible via the No Kid Hungry Online Grants Portal at [www.nokidhungry.force.com](http://www.nokidhungry.force.com).**

Share Our Strength reserves the right to use data, research, publications, and stories submitted via reporting on this Agreement. The applicant has listed a Point of Contact in your organization as the contact responsible for reporting; they will receive reminders to complete reporting and are required to do so. If your organization wishes to change the reporting contact, please email [GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org](mailto:GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org) with organization and updated contact information.



### *Site Visits and Publicity Efforts*

As a condition of this grant, Grantee agrees to collaborate with Share Our Strength on in-person or virtual site visits and/or publicity efforts relating to this grant, by either Share Our Strength or any additional funders of this grant noted in this Agreement. Please note that all such in-person or virtual site visits or publicity efforts will be coordinated in advance and with consideration of being inclusive to your organization, and in accordance with your organization's availability and schedule.

To promote the great work your organization is doing, Share Our Strength reserves the right to include the name, location, and website of your organization on our No Kid Hungry Grants Map, along with a description of how your No Kid Hungry grant(s) will be used.

### *Commitment to Anti-Discrimination and Diversity*

Share Our Strength has a zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of unlawful discrimination and harassment by or towards staff and volunteers, including but not limited to sexual harassment, and no form of unlawful discrimination by or towards any employee, member, volunteer, or other person in our workplace or jobsites will be tolerated. It is our belief that every person shall be treated fairly and with respect regardless of such things as race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, veteran status, age, or socio-economic status. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that it shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and/or harassment in its programs, activities, hiring or employment practices and within all activities conducted under this grant and partnership agreement.

### *Changes in Programming and Tax-Exempt*

Please immediately notify your Share Our Strength program or grant contact of any change in your public charity status or if you encounter challenges or delays starting your program on time, meeting the goals or objectives outlined in this Agreement, or spending the grant funds before the end of the grant Agreement Period. This grant is contingent on Grantee's ability to implement the goals or objectives as outlined in this Agreement. Grantees who are no longer tax-exempt or are unable to implement their grant are required to notify Share Our Strength and return the full grant amount or remaining unspent grant funds at Share Our Strength's discretion.

### *Compliance with Laws*

Grantee represents that it will perform its obligations hereunder in full compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

### *Termination of Grant*

If Share Our Strength determines, in its sole reasonable opinion, that Grantee is unable to meet the goals or objectives of the grant, or has violated or failed to carry out any provision of this Agreement, Share Our Strength, may, in addition to any other legal remedies it may have, terminate the Agreement and demand the return of all or part of the grant funds, including, without limitation, grant funds expended by Grantee for purposes other than those set forth in this Agreement. If so requested, Grantee shall return all such grant funds to Share Our Strength within thirty (30) days of receiving a termination notice from Share Our Strength.

If you have questions about any of the conditions described in this letter, or about your grant in general, please contact Liz Evancho, Director of Grants Administration, at [eevancho@strength.org](mailto:eevancho@strength.org).



I offer you my thanks for your daily efforts to end childhood hunger. Share Our Strength is pleased to support your important work and looks forward to hearing about your progress.

Sincerely,

Chuck Scofield  
Executive Vice President

**ACH (Bank to Bank) Grant Deposit Information**

Please fill-in the banking information below to receive your grant funds via direct bank deposit to your school district or organization. We cannot process any grant payments with missing fields or blank signature.

BANK NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BANK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(9) DIGIT ROUTING NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSITOR ACCOUNT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSITOR ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ACCOUNT:  Checking

The information being collected on this form will be used by Share Our Strength to securely transmit payment data, by electronic means, to your organization's financial institution. By checking this box, you agree that the above ACH payment information listed is accurate and that you are an authorized representative of your organization permitted to share this ACH payment information.

**Authorizing Signature**

Signing the below indicates your agreement to all grant requirements and authorizes a bank transfer of the grant amount stated in this letter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Denise Saddler

Title: Interim Superintendent

Organization Name or School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved As To form by OUSD Legal Department

03/31/26

Roxanne De La Rocha, Staff Attorney



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The No Kid Hungry School Nutrition Grant Opportunity will provide funding to school districts to maximize federal child nutrition programs to ensure children have access to healthy meals. Funds are intended to support initiatives that increase participation in the School Breakfast Program and/or expand non-congregate summer feeding models, but may also be used to support other programs, including lunch and SNAP.

### NO KID HUNGRY GRANTING PRIORITIES

No Kid Hungry is committed to addressing the systemic and structural inequities disproportionately impacting historically under-resourced communities. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding to school districts in the following communities:

- Communities where at least 60% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- Rural and urban communities where schools/school districts face unique challenges in addressing hunger.
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points.

### USE OF FUNDS

Funds are intended to support school districts in implementing a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in school meal programs, with a priority on the School Breakfast Program and Summer Non-Congregate meal programs. Strategies may include:

- Expanding access with Breakfast After the Bell programs such as Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab and Go to the Classroom, and Second Chance Breakfast.
- Promoting awareness of meal availability to students and families, especially for free and reduced-price eligible students.
- Innovative strategies that increase participation in the School Breakfast Program.
- Promoting and supporting enrollment of SNAP.
- Supporting partnerships with other school districts and/or local community-based organizations to increase access to meal programs.
- Ensuring maximum student participation and improving meal quality in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Promoting awareness of non-congregate meal availability to students and families

Budget requests may include:

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to serve breakfast and summer non-congregate meals, such as: grab and go carts, insulated coolers/warmers, packaging equipment and supplies, refrigerators, and retrofitting existing equipment to meet new needs.
- Technology requests, including point of service machines.
- Additional expenses as needed.

Please see your state's specific Call for Proposals for a list of funding restrictions for this grant cycle.

**I read the Use of Funds and understand the variety of items that can be covered using grant funds.**



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Yes

### **CORPORATE FUNDING**

Grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength. You will be notified upon receipt of the grant award if a corporate partner is sponsoring the grant award.

**I understand that my award may be sponsored through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength.**

Yes



## 2. APPLICANT DETAILS

Organization

Oakland Unified School District

How would you like your organization's name listed on public-facing materials?

Oakland Unified School District

### SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTOR

Are you the School Nutrition Director of your School District?

No

Did you work with the School Nutrition Director to confirm the project details outlined in this funding application?

Yes

Please provide the School Nutrition Director's information below:

Devinder Kumar  
(510)-879-1700  
devinder.kumar@ousd.org

### SUPERINTENDENT

Are you the Superintendent of your School District?

No

Please provide the Superintendent's information below:

Denise Saddler  
(510)-879-8000  
denise.saddler@ousd.org

### PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT LETTER

*If awarded funds, this would be the person who will receive and sign the grant agreement.*

Denise Saddler  
Interim Superintendent  
(510)-879-8000  
denise.saddler@ousd.org



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### 3. USE OF GRANT FUNDS

In this section, No Kid Hungry would like to learn more about the programming that will be impacted specifically by No Kid Hungry grant funding.

Please provide a concise description (2-3 sentences) of the project for which you will be using No Kid Hungry grant funds. (Maximum Characters: 1,500)

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Please select how No Kid Hungry grant funding will impact the child nutrition programs offered in your district.

- **Maintain existing program** - funds will be used to ensure existing meal service continues with no reduction in average daily participation in school meals; OR to or maintain the level of outreach/service in the school community (e.g. replace or upgrade equipment, staffing to maintain existing service, etc.)
- **Expand programming or implement a new service model** - funds will be used to increase average daily participation in school meals and/or launch a new meal service model; OR to increase the level of service provided within the school community (e.g. equipment to implement a new Breakfast After the Bell model)
- **No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program** - funds awarded through this grant will not be used to maintain or expand this program

School Breakfast:	Expand programming or Implement a new service model
School Lunch:	Expand programming or Implement a new service model
Summer Meals (non-congregate meals served at no cost to all participants):	No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program
SNAP Outreach, Enrollment, or Services:	No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program
Other:	No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program

Please describe 1-2 desired outcomes for how this project will help your school district expand participation and/or improve the programs you have listed above, including how grant funds will support these outcomes. Outcomes should reflect your intention for the proposed program and could be either quantitative or qualitative.

Outcome 1 (Maximum Characters: 32,000):



Increase School Breakfast and Lunch Participation at 8 or more Title 1 elementary Schools by 8% through student, family and staff engagement strategies, marketing and promotion and a commitment to healthy school meals.

Outcome 2 (Maximum Characters: 32,000):

Increase School Breakfast and Lunch Participation at 5 or more Title 1 high schools by \*% through student, family and staff engagement strategies, marketing and promotion and a commitment to healthy school meals.

How do you anticipate average daily participation of school breakfast will change across your district in SY25-26 based on changes made with grant funding? Please select the goal that feels most realistic to your district and know that No Kid Hungry is available to support your district beyond just providing funding.

Increase participation by less than 10%

We want to understand how this grant aligns with your district's broader school meals and/or child nutrition programming. Please describe how the proposed project will support your district's child nutrition priorities and initiatives that aim to maximize school meal participation. (Maximum Characters: 5,000)

This project focuses on a "Student-First" dining experience, which aligns with OUSD's strategic plan, mission and values. We aim to rebrand our cafeterias as "Dining Commons," to increase appeal and dignity. We also plan to move away from stigmatized language of "free lunch" and move toward a universal "At No Charge" messaging model. By integrating culturally relevant menus, scratch-made "hero" items, and strategically reducing ultra-processed foods in accordance with AB 1264, we will prioritizing flavor and nutrition as our most important values. These strategies will be supported by mobile "Grab n' Go" stations at high schools, which will remove physical barriers to access and ensure every student has the opportunity to eat regardless of their morning schedule.

Beyond the food and operations, this initiative leverages peer-to-peer promotion, student meal ambassadors, and staff modeling. We are bridging the gap between the classroom and the cafeteria by continuing to embed food systems education into the classroom curriculum and offering field trips to our central kitchen. To ensure long-term sustainability and scalability, the project will begin with 10-15 pilot schools, utilizing feedback loops and participation dashboards to track growth. By providing professional development for cafeteria staff in customer service, we are building a district-wide ecosystem that treats school meals not just as a service, but as a vital component of student wellness and academic success.

Overall, the pillars we will support in partnership with FoodCorps are:

- Culinary Excellence
- Operational Efficiency
- Marketing & Community engagement
- Data-Driven Scalability



Please provide the anticipated start date of the project you are proposing with the use of grant funds. The start date indicates the beginning of project implementation. Funds should be at least partially spent and equipment should be ordered in order for your programming to begin.

Start Date: 07/01/2026

List other organizations, if any, you are working with on the project and the role of each. (Maximum Characters: 30,000)

FoodCorps: If funded the No Kid Hungry grant, this grant will support 3 central School Nutrition FoodCorps Member who will take a District-wide approach to increasing access to school meals through school site student engagement, feedback and education during field trips. They will also lead the high school grab n go cart and leadership initiative. This grant will also support 4 Site Food Educators at 8 elementary Title 1 schools who will engage students around school meals but also families during 2 community engagement events each.

### SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Please select each school in the district where you will be implementing changes to the school breakfast program through this grant. For each school, provide responses about that school's breakfast program.

School	Address	Current Breakfast Model	Future Breakfast Model	Breakfast Offered Free to all Students?
Oakland High School	1023 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland, California 94610	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
Castlemont High School	8601 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland, California 94605	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
Skyline High School	12250 Skyline Blvd. Oakland, California 94619	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes



School	Address	Current Breakfast Model	Future Breakfast Model	Breakfast Offered Free to all Students?
FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL	4610 FOOTHILL BLVD OAKLAND, California 94601	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
MCCLYMONDS HIGH	2607 MYRTLE ST. OAKLAND, California 94607	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL HIGH	4521 WEBSTER ST. OAKLAND, California 94609	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes

We are eager to hear more about other strategies your district is using to increase participation in school breakfast. Please select any of the following strategies your district is implementing. If you are using a strategy that is not listed, please select 'other' and type your response in the text box that appears.

Family (parent/caregiver) engagement (e.g. taste tests, family surveys, invite families to participate in meals, etc.); Improved menu options (e.g. incorporating local or culturally relevant foods, scratch cooking, "build your own" items, etc.); Marketing and outreach efforts (e.g. social media, send flyers home with students, etc.); Packaging and branding (e.g. create a brand for your meal program, creatively display meal offerings, use bento-style boxes, etc.); Student engagement (e.g. taste tests, student surveys, student advisory board, recipe contests, etc.); Staff/Faculty engagement (e.g. invite staff/faculty to participate in meals, etc.)

For any/all of the strategies that you selected above, please share more details about how this strategy is used within your district. (Maximum Characters: 2,000)

In addition to the school selected above, we will be adding 8 Title 1 elementary schools-- those have not been selected yet. As mentioned previously, we will be implementing our Fuel the Future plan. Some of the strategies in the plan include:

- Rebrand cafeterias as Dining Commons or Dining Halls
- Replace free/reduced language to At No Charge: Messaging for Students and Families
- Student Leadership opportunities like student ambassadors, morning menu announcement champions, feedback loops



- Featured taste tests with student led media coverage
- Parent engagements during family events

We will not be able to implement these strategies without the partnership of FoodCorps (funded by No Kid Hungry).

Please provide any other details about your school breakfast programs in your district. This can include timing, locations, or any other details that were not captured in the above questions. (Maximum Characters: 2,000)

N/A

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Please provide details about your school lunch programs. This can include timing, locations, or any other details about how the school lunch program is implemented across your school district. (Maximum Characters: 2,000)

We will be utilizing the same strategies for increasing accessibility to school breakfast for school lunch as well at the same high schools and elementary schools.

### CHALLENGES

Select up to three of the common challenges that are affecting participation in your program and/or limiting its success, and how you will respond to these challenges.

*Please note, you are required to submit at least one challenge.*

Challenge	How will you respond to this challenge? We know not all challenges have easy solutions. Please indicate how No Kid Hungry can help you to address this challenge.
Parent/caregiver/student fear or stigma about programs	Targeted marketing, student feedback loop, student ambassadors, family engagement events
Procurement of food, packaging, equipment	Focused branding; Farm to School and local sourcing and the promotion of this; improved school site kitchen equipment
Too few staff	OUSD is actively hiring staff right now for 2026-2027.

Which of the following tactics, if any, will your district use to raise awareness about your program this year? Select all that apply.



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Announce the availability of school meals using the PA system; Encourage teachers, administrators, coaches and other staff to promote meals; Provide information on the school meals on the website or social media outlets; Send a letter or flyer about school meals directly to parents; Record a robocall to inform parents about school meals; Host events throughout the year (e.g., taste tests, themed breakfasts, etc.); Discuss the program at Back to School Night, PTA meetings or during other school events; e-newsletters; Social Media



#### 4. BUDGET REQUEST

Grant funds are intended for your organization to use to help address barriers and challenges that will enable you to serve more meals through your nutrition programs or reach more families through your outreach and enrollment efforts. Please use the table below to provide details on how the grant funds will be used, including plans for procurement if necessary. We prefer to fund items that will help sustain your programs beyond the grant year.

Budget Category	Estimated Quantity	Estimated Cost	Purpose of Cost	Proposed Budget Description
Staffing	1	\$96,000.00	Funding new costs	The total for 7 Foodcorps Service Member stipends is 96,000.
Staffing	1	\$25,000.00	Offsetting existing expenses	The Education Coordinator will supervise the FoodCorps Service Members. This will cover .15 FTE of salary and benefits.
Transportation – fuel/mileage reimbursement	1	\$4,000.00	Funding new costs	Mileage for Foodcorps Service Members going from school to school.
		<b>\$125,000.00</b>		



## 5. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

We recognize that hunger impacts each school community differently. In the following section, please provide information about the characteristics of your school community and explain how your proposed work is designed to meet the specific needs of the students and families you serve. [See how No Kid Hungry is prioritizing grant funds.](#)

### OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Please describe plans to engage your school community to identify barriers and/or preferences that exist within your community and in the development of your proposed program. Examples could include engaging teachers in program operations, engaging parents or students in meal preferences, addressing language barriers, etc. For support, please see resources including [Let Your Community Shape Your Program](#) and [Conversation Starters For Designing More Inclusive School Meals Programs](#). (Maximum Characters: 1,000)

The "Let Your Community Shape Your Program" resource from No Kid Hungry aligns very well with the OUSD Fuel the Future plan to increase accessibility to meals. We are currently in the process of prioritizing the order of strategies, creating a impact vs effort process but as listed previously, we will be empowering our FoodCorps Service Members to take on all types of engagement activities with students, staff and families. We look forward to partnering more with No Kid Hungry around community engagement than we ever have before.

How will you design your program to meet the unique needs identified within your school community?  
(Maximum Characters: 5,000)

We will utilize various sources of data: school meal participation, home language needs, past engagements and school leadership councils to make sure we are meeting the unique needs of the school community.



## 6. CURRENT NUTRITION PROGRAMS

No Kid Hungry is interested in understanding your district's holistic plan for nutrition and emergency meals programming provided to students and families both at school and at home during the upcoming school year.

How many total schools are currently in your district?

75

What is your current total district enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year?

33,995

Which of the following programs are currently offered by your district or do you plan to offer during the 2025-2026 school year, regardless of No Kid Hungry funding? Select all that apply.

Afterschool meals/snacks;CACFP child day care meals/snacks;Farm to School;School Breakfast;School Lunch;Summer Meals (non-congregate meals served at no cost to all participants)

During SY25-26, which of the following reimbursement models do you plan to use to serve meals? Select all that apply.

NSLP/SBP through CEP or Provision 2;Universal free meals through state or locally-funded programs

Are you concerned about covering all of the operation costs in your school district this school year?

Yes

Based on your school district's current financial standing, how will your program be impacted if grant funding is not awarded? (Maximum Characters: 15,000)

We will not be able to partner with FoodCorps for the 2026-2027 school year and reduce the number of strategies we can implement of the Fuel the Future plan. This grant will make all the difference in our attempt to increase accessibility to school meals and increase nutrition security for our students.

### CEP

Will your school district participate in CEP in the 2025-2026 school year?

Yes

Will all schools in your district participate in CEP in the 2025-2026 school year?

Yes



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How is CEP currently implemented throughout the district?

All CEP schools grouped together with one ISP



## 7. HISTORIC SCHOOL MEALS PARTICIPATION

No Kid Hungry is interested in understanding what nutrition programs your district offered last school year as a baseline. If your district's historical meal data is not already in our system you will be asked to provide participation data points from the previous school year. If there is historic data already entered, please confirm or correct as needed.

During the 2024-2025 school year, which of the following programs and reimbursement models did you use to serve meals? Select all that apply.

CACFP Afterschool Meals or Snacks; Farm to School; NSLP/SBP through CEP or Provision 2; NSLP Afterschool Meals; Universal free meals through state-funded programs



## 8. ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

Please indicate all contacts associated with this application and their primary role as well as any additional roles they play, as defined below. Designating a Reporting Contact is required. All other roles are optional. You may also give access to this application and any subsequent grant reports. **Please make sure to give your reporting contact access.**

Reporting Contact: Person who will be responsible for reporting grant progress on behalf of the organization. This contact will receive quarterly email reminders to submit online report forms. *Please note: Only the Reporting Contact will receive these email reminders*

Name	Primary Role	Additional Role(s)
Michelle Oppen	Applicant	Reporting Contact;Point of Contact



## 9. UNDERSTANDING GRANT REQUIREMENTS

If awarded funding, I understand I will be required to:

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- Submit four quarterly reports for a full year grant. Specific reporting requirements will be communicated at the time of grant award notification. Sample reports are coming soon!
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- Understand that grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength and the No Kid Hungry Campaign. You will be notified immediately if corporate partners are sponsoring this opportunity.

I agree



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The No Kid Hungry School Nutrition Grant Opportunity will provide funding to school districts to maximize federal child nutrition programs to ensure children have access to healthy meals. Funds are intended to support initiatives that increase participation in the School Breakfast Program and/or expand non-congregate summer feeding models, but may also be used to support other programs, including lunch and SNAP.

### NO KID HUNGRY GRANTING PRIORITIES

No Kid Hungry is committed to addressing the systemic and structural inequities disproportionately impacting historically under-resourced communities. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding to school districts in the following communities:

- Communities where at least 60% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- Rural and urban communities where schools/school districts face unique challenges in addressing hunger.
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points.

### USE OF FUNDS

Funds are intended to support school districts in implementing a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in school meal programs, with a priority on the School Breakfast Program and Summer Non-Congregate meal programs. Strategies may include:

- Expanding access with Breakfast After the Bell programs such as Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab and Go to the Classroom, and Second Chance Breakfast.
- Promoting awareness of meal availability to students and families, especially for free and reduced-price eligible students.
- Innovative strategies that increase participation in the School Breakfast Program.
- Promoting and supporting enrollment of SNAP.
- Supporting partnerships with other school districts and/or local community-based organizations to increase access to meal programs.
- Ensuring maximum student participation and improving meal quality in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Promoting awareness of non-congregate meal availability to students and families

Budget requests may include:

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to serve breakfast and summer non-congregate meals, such as: grab and go carts, insulated coolers/warmers, packaging equipment and supplies, refrigerators, and retrofitting existing equipment to meet new needs.
- Technology requests, including point of service machines.
- Additional expenses as needed.

Please see your state's specific Call for Proposals for a list of funding restrictions for this grant cycle.

**I read the Use of Funds and understand the variety of items that can be covered using grant funds.**



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Yes

### **CORPORATE FUNDING**

Grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength. You will be notified upon receipt of the grant award if a corporate partner is sponsoring the grant award.

**I understand that my award may be sponsored through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength.**

Yes



## 2. APPLICANT DETAILS

Organization

Oakland Unified School District

How would you like your organization's name listed on public-facing materials?

Oakland Unified School District

### **SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTOR**

Are you the School Nutrition Director of your School District?

No

Did you work with the School Nutrition Director to confirm the project details outlined in this funding application?

Yes

Please provide the School Nutrition Director's information below:

Devinder Kumar  
(510)-879-1700  
devinder.kumar@ousd.org

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Are you the Superintendent of your School District?

No

Please provide the Superintendent's information below:

Denise Saddler  
(510)-879-8000  
denise.saddler@ousd.org

### **PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT LETTER**

*If awarded funds, this would be the person who will receive and sign the grant agreement.*

Denise Saddler  
Interim Superintendent  
(510)-879-8000



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[denise.saddler@ousd.org](mailto:denise.saddler@ousd.org)



### 3. USE OF GRANT FUNDS

In this section, No Kid Hungry would like to learn more about the programming that will be impacted specifically by No Kid Hungry grant funding.

Please provide a concise description (2-3 sentences) of the project for which you will be using No Kid Hungry grant funds. (Maximum Characters: 1,500)

In 2026-2027, The OUSD Central Kitchen and Education Center (The Center), made up of the Nutrition Services and Environment, Food and Garden Teams, will be implementing their Fuel The Future project plan aimed at increasing accessibility to school meals and increasing nutrition security. Our key partnerships with No Kid Hungry and Foodcorps will be 2 of the main pillars in carrying out the action steps in our plan. The funding proposed will support FoodCorps Service Member stipends and match funding for supervising staff.

Please select how No Kid Hungry grant funding will impact the child nutrition programs offered in your district.

- **Maintain existing program** - funds will be used to ensure existing meal service continues with no reduction in average daily participation in school meals; OR to or maintain the level of outreach/service in the school community (e.g. replace or upgrade equipment, staffing to maintain existing service, etc.)
- **Expand programming or implement a new service model** - funds will be used to increase average daily participation in school meals and/or launch a new meal service model; OR to increase the level of service provided within the school community (e.g. equipment to implement a new Breakfast After the Bell model)
- **No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program** - funds awarded through this grant will not be used to maintain or expand this program

School Breakfast:	Expand programming or Implement a new service model
School Lunch:	Expand programming or Implement a new service model
Summer Meals (non-congregate meals served at no cost to all participants):	No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program
SNAP Outreach, Enrollment, or Services:	No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program
Other:	No Kid Hungry grant funds will not be used to impact this program

Please describe 1-2 desired outcomes for how this project will help your school district expand participation and/or improve the programs you have listed above, including how grant funds will support these outcomes. Outcomes should reflect your intention for the proposed program and could be either quantitative or qualitative.

Outcome 1 (Maximum Characters: 32,000):



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Increase School Breakfast and Lunch Participation at 8 or more Title 1 elementary Schools by 8% through student, family and staff engagement strategies, marketing and promotion and a commitment to healthy school meals.

Outcome 2 (Maximum Characters: 32,000):

Increase School Breakfast and Lunch Participation at 5 or more Title 1 high schools by \*% through student, family and staff engagement strategies, marketing and promotion and a commitment to healthy school meals.

How do you anticipate average daily participation of school breakfast will change across your district in SY25-26 based on changes made with grant funding? Please select the goal that feels most realistic to your district and know that No Kid Hungry is available to support your district beyond just providing funding.

Increase participation by less than 10%

We want to understand how this grant aligns with your district's broader school meals and/or child nutrition programming. Please describe how the proposed project will support your district's child nutrition priorities and initiatives that aim to maximize school meal participation. (Maximum Characters: 5,000)

This project focuses on a "Student-First" dining experience, which aligns with OUSD's strategic plan, mission and values. We aim to rebrand our cafeterias as "Dining Commons," to increase appeal and dignity. We also plan to move away from stigmatized language of "free lunch" and move toward a universal "At No Charge" messaging model. By integrating culturally relevant menus, scratch-made "hero" items, and strategically reducing ultra-processed foods in accordance with AB 1264, we will prioritizing flavor and nutrition as our most important values. These strategies will be supported by mobile "Grab n' Go" stations at high schools, which will remove physical barriers to access and ensure every student has the opportunity to eat regardless of their morning schedule.

Beyond the food and operations, this initiative leverages peer-to-peer promotion, student meal ambassadors, and staff modeling. We are bridging the gap between the classroom and the cafeteria by continuing to embed food systems education into the classroom curriculum and offering field trips to our central kitchen. To ensure long-term sustainability and scalability, the project will begin with 10-15 pilot schools, utilizing feedback loops and participation dashboards to track growth. By providing professional development for cafeteria staff in customer service, we are building a district-wide ecosystem that treats school meals not just as a service, but as a vital component of student wellness and academic success.

Overall, the pillars we will support in partnership with FoodCorps are:

- Culinary Excellence
- Operational Efficiency
- Marketing & Community engagement
- Data-Driven Scalability



Please provide the anticipated start date of the project you are proposing with the use of grant funds. The start date indicates the beginning of project implementation. Funds should be at least partially spent and equipment should be ordered in order for your programming to begin.

Start Date: 07/01/2026

List other organizations, if any, you are working with on the project and the role of each. (Maximum Characters: 30,000)

FoodCorps: If funded the No Kid Hungry grant, this grant will support 3 central School Nutrition FoodCorps Member who will take a District-wide approach to increasing access to school meals through school site student engagement, feedback and education during field trips. They will also lead the high school grab n go cart and leadership initiative. This grant will also support 4 Site Food Educators at 8 elementary Title 1 schools who will engage students around school meals but also families during 2 community engagement events each.

**SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

Please select each school in the district where you will be implementing changes to the school breakfast program through this grant. For each school, provide responses about that school's breakfast program.

School	Address	Current Breakfast Model	Future Breakfast Model	Breakfast Offered Free to all Students?
Oakland High School	1023 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland, California 94610	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
Castlemont High School	8601 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland, California 94605	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
Skyline High School	12250 Skyline Blvd. Oakland, California 94619	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes



School	Address	Current Breakfast Model	Future Breakfast Model	Breakfast Offered Free to all Students?
FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL	4610 FOOTHILL BLVD OAKLAND, California 94601	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
MCCLYMONDS HIGH	2607 MYRTLE ST. OAKLAND, California 94607	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes
OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL HIGH	4521 WEBSTER ST. OAKLAND, California 94609	Second Chance Breakfast (Cafeteria)	Grab and Go to a Common Area	Yes

We are eager to hear more about other strategies your district is using to increase participation in school breakfast. Please select any of the following strategies your district is implementing. If you are using a strategy that is not listed, please select 'other' and type your response in the text box that appears.

Family (parent/caregiver) engagement (e.g. taste tests, family surveys, invite families to participate in meals, etc.); Improved menu options (e.g. incorporating local or culturally relevant foods, scratch cooking, "build your own" items, etc.); Marketing and outreach efforts (e.g. social media, send flyers home with students, etc.); Packaging and branding (e.g. create a brand for your meal program, creatively display meal offerings, use bento-style boxes, etc.); Student engagement (e.g. taste tests, student surveys, student advisory board, recipe contests, etc.); Staff/Faculty engagement (e.g. invite staff/faculty to participate in meals, etc.)

For any/all of the strategies that you selected above, please share more details about how this strategy is used within your district. (Maximum Characters: 2,000)

In addition to the school selected above, we will be adding 8 Title 1 elementary schools-- those have not been selected yet. As mentioned previously, we will be implementing our Fuel the Future plan. Some of the strategies in the plan include:

- Rebrand cafeterias as Dining Commons or Dining Halls
- Replace free/reduced language to At No Charge: Messaging for Students and Families
- Student Leadership opportunities like student ambassadors, morning menu announcement champions, feedback loops
- Featured taste tests with student led media coverage
- Parent engagements during family events



We will not be able to implement these strategies without the partnership of FoodCorps (funded by No Kid Hungry).

Please provide any other details about your school breakfast programs in your district. This can include timing, locations, or any other details that were not captured in the above questions. (Maximum Characters: 2,000)

N/A

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Please provide details about your school lunch programs. This can include timing, locations, or any other details about how the school lunch program is implemented across your school district. (Maximum Characters: 2,000)

We will be utilizing the same strategies for increasing accessibility to school breakfast for school lunch as well at the same high schools and elementary schools.

### CHALLENGES

Select up to three of the common challenges that are affecting participation in your program and/or limiting its success, and how you will respond to these challenges.

*Please note, you are required to submit at least one challenge.*

Challenge	How will you respond to this challenge? We know not all challenges have easy solutions. Please indicate how No Kid Hungry can help you to address this challenge.
Parent/caregiver/student fear or stigma about programs	Targeted marketing, student feedback loop, student ambassadors, family engagement events
Procurement of food, packaging, equipment	Focused branding; Farm to School and local sourcing and the promotion of this; improved school site kitchen equipment
Too few staff	OUSD is actively hiring staff right now for 2026-2027.

Which of the following tactics, if any, will your district use to raise awareness about your program this year? Select all that apply.

Announce the availability of school meals using the PA system; Encourage teachers, administrators, coaches and other staff to promote meals; Provide information on the school meals on the website or social media outlets; Send a letter or flyer about school meals directly to parents; Record a robocall to inform parents about



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school meals;Host events throughout the year (e.g., taste tests, themed breakfasts, etc.);Discuss the program at Back to School Night, PTA meetings or during other school events;e-newsletters;Social Media



#### 4. BUDGET REQUEST

Grant funds are intended for your organization to use to help address barriers and challenges that will enable you to serve more meals through your nutrition programs or reach more families through your outreach and enrollment efforts. Please use the table below to provide details on how the grant funds will be used, including plans for procurement if necessary. We prefer to fund items that will help sustain your programs beyond the grant year.

Budget Category	Estimated Quantity	Estimated Cost	Purpose of Cost	Proposed Budget Description
Staffing	1	\$96,000.00	Funding new costs	The total for 7 Foodcorps Service Member stipends is 96,000.
Staffing	1	\$25,000.00	Offsetting existing expenses	The Education Coordinator will supervise the FoodCorps Service Members. This will cover .15 FTE of salary and benefits.
Transportation – fuel/mileage reimbursement	1	\$4,000.00	Funding new costs	Mileage for Foodcorps Service Members going from school to school.
		<b>\$125,000.00</b>		



## 5. COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

We recognize that hunger impacts each school community differently. In the following section, please provide information about the characteristics of your school community and explain how your proposed work is designed to meet the specific needs of the students and families you serve. [See how No Kid Hungry is prioritizing grant funds.](#)

### OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Please describe plans to engage your school community to identify barriers and/or preferences that exist within your community and in the development of your proposed program. Examples could include engaging teachers in program operations, engaging parents or students in meal preferences, addressing language barriers, etc. For support, please see resources including [Let Your Community Shape Your Program](#) and [Conversation Starters For Designing More Inclusive School Meals Programs](#). (Maximum Characters: 1,000)

The "Let Your Community Shape Your Program" resource from No Kid Hungry aligns very well with the OUSD Fuel the Future plan to increase accessibility to meals. We are currently in the process of prioritizing the order of strategies, creating a impact vs effort process but as listed previously, we will be empowering our FoodCorps Service Members to take on all types of engagement activities with students, staff and families. We look forward to partnering more with No Kid Hungry around community engagement than we ever have before.

How will you design your program to meet the unique needs identified within your school community?  
(Maximum Characters: 5,000)

We will utilize various sources of data: school meal participation, home language needs, past engagements and school leadership councils to make sure we are meeting the unique needs of the school community.



## 6. CURRENT NUTRITION PROGRAMS

No Kid Hungry is interested in understanding your district's holistic plan for nutrition and emergency meals programming provided to students and families both at school and at home during the upcoming school year.

How many total schools are currently in your district?

75

What is your current total district enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year?

33,995

Which of the following programs are currently offered by your district or do you plan to offer during the 2025-2026 school year, regardless of No Kid Hungry funding? Select all that apply.

Afterschool meals/snacks;CACFP child day care meals/snacks;Farm to School;School Breakfast;School Lunch;Summer Meals (non-congregate meals served at no cost to all participants)

During SY25-26, which of the following reimbursement models do you plan to use to serve meals? Select all that apply.

NSLP/SBP through CEP or Provision 2;Universal free meals through state or locally-funded programs

Are you concerned about covering all of the operation costs in your school district this school year?

Yes

Based on your school district's current financial standing, how will your program be impacted if grant funding is not awarded? (Maximum Characters: 15,000)

We will not be able to partner with FoodCorps for the 2026-2027 school year and reduce the number of strategies we can implement of the Fuel the Future plan. This grant will make all the difference in our attempt to increase accessibility to school meals and increase nutrition security for our students.

### CEP

Will your school district participate in CEP in the 2025-2026 school year?

Yes

Will all schools in your district participate in CEP in the 2025-2026 school year?

Yes



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How is CEP currently implemented throughout the district?

All CEP schools grouped together with one ISP



## 7. HISTORIC SCHOOL MEALS PARTICIPATION

No Kid Hungry is interested in understanding what nutrition programs your district offered last school year as a baseline. If your district's historical meal data is not already in our system you will be asked to provide participation data points from the previous school year. If there is historic data already entered, please confirm or correct as needed.

During the 2024-2025 school year, which of the following programs and reimbursement models did you use to serve meals? Select all that apply.

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Name	Primary Role	Additional Role(s)
Michelle Oppen	Applicant	Reporting Contact;Point of Contact



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## California Breakfast Grant Opportunity Call for Applications

The No Kid Hungry Breakfast Grant Opportunity will provide funding to school districts to maximize participation in the School Breakfast Program to ensure children have access to healthy meals at school.

**Application Due Date:** Applications will be accepted through February 6, 2026

**Grant Amount:** Grant amounts will vary based on the size and specific needs of each applicant. Typically, grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per individual school site impacted by the grant.

Please note that school districts may include multiple school sites within a single application. The total award for a school district can be up to \$40,000.

If you have questions related to your funding request, please contact: [NokidhungryCA@strength.org](mailto:NokidhungryCA@strength.org).

### NO KID HUNGRY CALIFORNIA GRANTING PRIORITIES

No Kid Hungry is dedicated to ending child hunger by focusing efforts in communities where the need is greatest and the opportunity for impact is highest—working to break the cycle of poverty and address the barriers that contribute to child food insecurity. No Kid Hungry will prioritize funding to school districts in the following communities:

- Communities where at least 60% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals
- Communities experiencing high levels of child hunger and poverty
- Communities where schools/school districts face unique challenges in addressing hunger
- Communities experiencing extreme economic hardship, determined through multiple data points

Please visit the [No Kid Hungry website](#) to learn more about [No Kid Hungry's grantmaking beliefs and values](#), as well as how [No Kid Hungry prioritizes grant funds](#).

### USE OF FUNDS

We recognize that districts are facing many financial hardships and No Kid Hungry is committed to supporting our partners throughout the country. In regards to this grant opportunity, funds are intended to support school districts with implementing a strong and sustainable plan for increasing and maximizing participation in the School Breakfast Program. We encourage you to connect with your state's No Kid Hungry Program contact listed below to discuss additional support or assistance.

#### Strategies may include:

- Expanding access with Breakfast After the Bell models such as Breakfast in the Classroom, Grab and Go to the Classroom, and Second Chance Breakfast
- Innovative strategies that increase participation in the School Breakfast Program

#### Budget requests may include:

- Meal service supplies and equipment needed to serve breakfast such as: grab and go carts, insulated coolers/warmers, packaging equipment and supplies, refrigerators, and retrofitting existing equipment to meet new needs
- Technology requests, including point of service machines.
- Additional expenses as needed.

### Budget requests may NOT include:

- Funding to cover existing and ongoing food costs.
- Funding to eliminate or reduce student meal debt
- Supplies and equipment needed to support food access programs not associated with the federal child nutrition programs, including school gardens or farms, school pantries, backpack programs, etc.
- Existing and ongoing staffing costs, including hiring chefs
- Supplies, equipment, and/or funding to support school building or capital investments (e.g. cafeteria redesign)

### TO NOTE

A [breakfast grant rubric](#) will be implemented to help build transparency with applicants regarding how grant decisions will be made. The rubric contains criteria each application will be scored on and definitions to commonly used terms.

All No Kid Hungry grants are privately funded and are not affiliated with state or federal government funding. Grants may be funded through corporate partners working with Share Our Strength. You will be notified upon receipt of the grant award if a corporate partner is sponsoring the grant award.

No Kid Hungry is no longer able to issue paper checks, all grant funds must be disbursed via electronic bank transfer (EFT).

We recognize that meal service plans for the school year 25-26 may undergo changes. When applying for this grant, please include your current thoughts on how your district intends to run meal service throughout the year. If your application is approved, you will be required to provide progress reports each quarter ([sample reports](#)). These reports will allow you to provide updates on any modifications made to your original plan.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Visit the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal at <https://nokidhungry.my.site.com/>. *Please do not use Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge when registering or working within the portal.*
- To create a new account, click “New User.” If you have previously used the Portal, log into your account with those existing credentials.
- Click “Start a New Application” on the Homepage of the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal.
- Input the following access code to gain access to the application: **CASBR26**. Click “Start Application” to begin.
- Be sure to input all required answers and save frequently as you are inputting information.
- Once all questions are completed, click “Review Application.”
- Download your application as a PDF and then click “Submit.”

To view a sample application, please [click here](#).

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- Detailed description of grant funding program objectives,
- Information about your current and planned food and nutrition programs for SY25-26.
- School Nutrition Director and Superintendent contact information.
- Historic district-wide enrollment and monthly meals participation for applicable programs.
- Detailed budget of anticipated use of funding within the grant period.

### QUESTIONS?

Program related: [NokidhungryCA@strength.org](mailto:NokidhungryCA@strength.org)

Technical or portal-related: [GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org](mailto:GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org)