

GRANT OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE FOOD SECURITY AMONG YOUNG CHILDREN (0-5 YEARS OLD)



The No Kid Hungry Early Childhood Grant Opportunity will provide funding to organizations working to decrease food insecurity among children from birth to five years old across the country.

No Kid Hungry knows that community organizations, early child care centers and healthcare providers play a key role in ensuring young children receive access to nutritious food they need to learn, grow and thrive to reach their full potential. These flexible grants will allow community-based organizations, early child care centers and healthcare providers across the country to respond to the growing needs and emerging opportunities to provide healthy food to young children (0-5 years old) and their families facing food insecurity.

ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES

Equity Priority:

The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated long-standing systemic health, social and economic inequities, disproportionately impacting racial and ethnic minority groups. To ensure we are supporting individuals and communities most impacted, we will prioritize grant funds to organizations and projects serving majority-minority communities, including immigrant populations. We are especially eager to support organizations who have authentically engaged the community to develop innovative programs.

Ability to Serve Kids Today and in the Future:

Taking into consideration equity, economic hardship and COVID-19 impact factors, funds will be prioritized to support organizations and projects with a strong and sustainable plan for maximizing participation in the child nutrition programs and/or leveraging other programs to combat food insecurity. Examples include emergency food programs as well as conducting outreach or providing enrollment support to help children and families access federal nutrition programs. Applications should address both the immediate need for supporting children and their families and alleviating hunger, as well address long-term sustainability of programming.

[1] <https://svi.cdc.gov/>

USE OF FUNDS

Grant funding is available to support a variety of strategies to increase access to nutritious food and support young kids and families in the new operating environment created as a result of the coronavirus, including:

- Working with health care providers and community organizations to promote awareness of and increase participation in federal nutrition programs like WIC, SNAP and Medicaid
- Using vouchers, coupons, food "farmacies," meal kits, "food prescriptions," boxes and other means to offer healthy food supports to families by addressing access and transportation challenges through delivery, pick-up or store visits
- Innovative partnerships (like with a local restaurant or early child care centers that are serving as community food access points) that bring various community groups together to address food security needs of young children and their families

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Applications are due on December 18, 2020. A webinar will be held on December 3rd at 2pm-3pm EST to respond to any questions you may have. Zoom info here - <https://strength.zoom.us/j/93344888243>

GRANT AMOUNT

\$15,000 - \$25,000

- Healthy food access programs built as a response to ideas developed from community engagement
- Supporting enrollment in SNAP, WIC and Pandemic-EBT programs or other programs that support 0-5 year olds

Examples of how funding may be used include:

- Supplies and equipment needed to increase or modify emergency food programming
- Costs of hiring additional staff positions or increasing hours for existing staff to meet increased demand as a result of COVID-19 or provide additional services like meal delivery
- Non-reimbursable food costs
- Program outreach, enrollment assistance and marketing costs
- Additional expenses as needed

Please note that NKH cannot cover indirect costs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- Reporting and authorized signature contact information
- Demographic information of population served
- Detailed description of grant funding program objectives
- Detailed budget of anticipated use of funding
- Detail on how you incorporate community voice into your organization

TO NOTE

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.

Additionally, we understand that programming in the upcoming grant year may vary and change throughout the grant year. Please submit your application with your current thinking for how your organization plans to increase or improve access to emergency food and federal nutrition programs throughout the year and any potential emergency service plans. If you are awarded funds, you will be required to submit quarterly progress reports that accurately describe your project implementation, as well as changes in participation and/or meal service delivery as programming adjusts to the evolving operating environment.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log into or create an account for the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal at <https://nokidhungrygrants.force.com/>
2. To create a new account, click “New User”.
3. To begin your application after you have logged into the No Kid Hungry Grants Portal, click “Start a New Application” on your Grantee Dashboard located on the top left corner of your home page, below the No Kid Hungry logo.
4. Input the following access code to gain access to the application: **EarlyChildhoodNutrition2021**
Click “Start Application” to begin.
5. Be sure to input all required answers and save frequently as you are inputting information. Complete the application when all information is entered by clicking on “Review Your Answers” and then “Submit Your Answer.”

QUESTIONS?

For all program-related questions, please reach out to Caron Gremont: Cgremont@strength.org. For all grants portal-related questions, please contact the Grants Help Desk: GrantsHelpDesk@strength.org.