



## Summer Meals Grant Opportunities

### Background

For organizations operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a grant can be leveraged to expand organizational capacity, invest in equipment, provide quality programming, and improve meal quality. Supplemental funding can play a vital role in program expansion- ensuring that every child has the opportunity to receive a free, healthy meal when school is out for the summer. Below is a compilation of existing grant funding, either directed at summer programming, summer meals programs, organization capacity, and program implementation.

***Please Note:** This list is only a summary and provides a foundation for funding opportunities. Some of the listed grants have not yet released 2014 funding opportunities and some deadlines have already passed. Please check the organization's website for more information and additional opportunities.*

### I. Summer Meals Programs

[Share Our Strength](#): Start-up and expansion of summer meals programs and nutrition education programs provided by Share Our Strength's partners.

**Geographic focus:** Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Orleans, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia.

**Applications:** Check with local [No Kid Hungry campaigns](#)

### II. Summer Programming

[Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant](#): Implementation of summer reading programs for children ages 0-14 years.

**Applications:** 2014 dates not yet released

[Dollar General Literacy Foundation Summer Reading Grant](#): Implementation of summer reading programs for pre-K through 12th grade students who are new readers, below grade level readers or readers with learning disabilities.

**Applications:** February 2014

[The PeyBeck Foundation](#): Provision of enrichment programming for children outside the typical school day (afterschool and summer).

**Geographic Focus:** Indiana, Louisiana, Tennessee and Denver Metro Area

**Applications:** February 2014

### III. Hunger Relief

[Bank of America Charitable Foundation Critical Needs Grants](#): Addressing basic needs such as food and shelter in low-income communities.

**Applications:** July 21- August 8, 2014

[ConAgra Community Impact Grants Program](#): Implementation of hunger relief and nutrition education programs; organizational capacity building; outreach and awareness building.

**Applications:** December 2014

[The Dominion Foundation](#): Implementation of hunger relief efforts.

**Applications:** Reviewed quarterly

[Food Lion Charitable Foundation](#): Implementation of hunger relief efforts.

**Applications:** September 15, 2014

[Heinz Strategic Grants Program](#): Nutrition and food security.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[Jewel-Osco Charitable Giving](#): Hunger relief and nutrition education.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[The Kroger Co Foundation](#): Implementation of hunger relief efforts and organizational capacity-building.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[The Safeway Foundation](#): Provision of hunger relief, education, and health and human services efforts.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[Sam's Club Giving Program](#): Provision of hunger relief and healthy eating services.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[Walmart Local Giving Program](#): Provision of hunger relief and healthy eating services.

**Applications:** December 31, 2014

#### **IV. Health and Education Services**

[Aetna Foundation Regional Grants](#): Implementation of healthy eating and active living initiatives.

**Applications:** April 10- June 5, 2014 and June 16- July 30, 2014

[Build-a-Bear Workshop Foundation Grants](#): Provision of health, wellness, literacy, and education services for children.

**Applications:** February and March 2014

[Cigna World of Difference Grants](#): Implementation of innovative approaches to children's health.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids](#): Improving nutrition and physical fitness behaviors for youth.

**Applications:** March 2014

[Coca-Cola Foundation](#): Provision of exercise, physical activity, education, and nutritional education programs.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[JCP Cares](#): Provision of health and welfare, education, and arts and culture services.

**Applications:** Accepting LOI on a rolling basis

[LEGO Children's Fund](#): Implementation of early childhood education and development programming that is directly related to creativity, and/or technology, and communication projects.

**Applications:** Reviewed quarterly

[Partnerships to Improve Community Health](#): Implementation of evidenced- and practice-based strategies that address community gaps and needs within a defined jurisdiction to reduce the prevalence of chronic disease and related risk factors, including poor nutrition and physical inactivity.

**Applications:** LOI due June 5, 2014

[PNC Foundation](#): Provision of direct services for children in their classroom or community, health, education, and quality of life for low-and moderate-income individuals and families.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[Reiman Family Foundation](#): Provision of education, health care, and children's initiatives.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[RGK Foundation](#): Provision of programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), literacy, and higher education; human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs; the health and well-being of children.

**Applications:** Accepting LOI on rolling basis

[Sidgmore Family Foundation](#): Provision of health and education services for children and youth.

**Applications:** Accepting LOI on rolling basis

[The Mayer Foundation](#): Implementation of educational, literary, cultural, humanitarian, and scientific programming.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[Wish You Well Literacy Foundation](#): Implementation and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs.

**Applications:** Reviewed quarterly

[W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#): Provision of health and education services for children 0-8 years old.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

[Women Helping Others Foundation](#): Provision of health and social services for children and women.

**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

## V. Physical Activity

[Jubilation Foundation](#): Implementation of music and dance programming for youth.

**Geographic focus:** Washington and Oregon  
**Applications:** LOI due on July 15, 2014

[Nike N7 Fund Grants for Native Youth Sports Programs:](#) Provision of sports and physical activity programs for Native American and Aboriginal youth of high school age or younger.  
**Applications:** June 2014

[PHIT America:](#) Support for community-based sports and physical education programs.  
**Applications:** 2014 dates not yet released.

[U.S. Soccer Foundation Safe Places to Play:](#) Building and improvement of existing fields in underserved areas.  
**Applications:** LOI due September 24, 2014

[U.S. Soccer Foundation Program Grants:](#) Provision of equipment and operational expenses for soccer programs.  
**Applications:** August 15- October 1, 2014

## **VI. Services for Women and Children**

[Singing for Change:](#) Provision of programming at children, families, and disenfranchised groups.  
**Applications:** Accepting LOI on a rolling basis

[Social Justice Grant Fund:](#) Provision of services for low-income women and children.  
**Applications:** May 2014

[The Dortha Haus Ross Foundation:](#) Provision of direct aid and assistance to vulnerable children.  
**Applications:** Accepting LOI on a rolling basis

[Women's Sports Foundation GoGirlGo Grants Program:](#) Implementation of sports and physical activity programs for girls ages 5-18, in conjunction with delivery of the GoGirlGo! curriculum by qualified adults.  
**Applications:** Accepting applications on a rolling basis

## **VII. Organizational Capacity Building**

[Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps State and National Grants:](#) Organizational capacity building.  
**Applications:** January 2014

[Modest Needs Grant:](#) Organizational capacity-building for small nonprofits (budgets \$50,000-\$500,000).  
**Applications:** Accepted on a rolling basis

## **VIII. Capital Expenditures**

[Building Better Communities:](#) Creation and enhancement of nature-based playgrounds and natural play spaces for children.  
**Applications:** May 2014

[Rosie's For All Kids Foundation](#): Funding for small renovations, equipment upgrades, playground construction and staff development for community-based programs serving children in low-income areas.

**Geographic focus:** Urban areas

**Applications:** 2014 dates not yet released

[USDA Rural Development Community Facilities](#): Funding for the development of essential community facilities for public use in rural areas and may include hospitals, fire protection, safety, as well as many other community-based initiatives.

**Applications:** Check with [local Rural Development office](#)

[USDA Rural Community Development Initiative](#)

Focus areas: Provision of technical assistance and training funds to qualified intermediary organizations to develop their capacity to undertake housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

**Applications:** Check with Rural Development [State Office RCDI Contact](#).

[The Carol M. White Physical Education Program \(PEP\)](#): Provision of physical education programs that help students in Kindergarten through 12th grade meet their state standards for physical education.

**Applications:** 2014 dates not yet released

[USDA Farm to School Grants](#): Planning grants intended for schools just getting started on farm to school activities implementation grants available for schools seeking to augment or expand existing efforts; additional grants available for trainings and events.

**Applications:** May 2014