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Recommended action: Approve Child Nutrition Program staff to submit an application for Utah’s formula allocation of **\$150,375** under the USDA Food and Nutrition Service FY2026 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant (USDA-FNS-CN-EAG-2026) via [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by **Thursday, May 28, 2026**. Anticipated period of performance: September 15, 2026 – September 30, 2028.

Background: Since 2010 USDA has provided funding for states to distribute funds to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) to purchase foodservice equipment.

USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has announced the availability of **\$20 million** to provide competitive grants to state agencies for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants. New this year, FNS is using a competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process for state agencies. Funds are authorized under the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (PL 119-4) and the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 (PL 119-37). There is no state match requirement for this grant.

Purpose:

- **Intended outcomes:** School Foodservice Authorities have equipment to implement meal pattern requirements, replace outdated equipment, increase efficiency, ensure food safety, and support for the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the School Breakfast Program (SBP).
- **Administrative costs:** The state agency may use up to **5%** of its allocation for state-level administrative costs associated with awarding and managing subgrants.

Why funding is requested (need):

- Additional funds to purchase equipment will help **offset program costs** at the LEA.
- Enable SFAs/schools to **replace or add critical kitchen equipment** that supports safe food handling and efficient meal service.

Use of funds:

- USBE (state agency) will run a **competitive subgrant** process for eligible LEAs, SFAs, and schools participating in NSLP.

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- Subgrantees may use funds to **purchase and install equipment** valued at **more than \$1,000**.
- The state must complete the **initial award phase by January 5, 2028**.
- Unused subgrant funds must be returned during the performance period; returned funds may be reallocated to the next eligible, approved applicant that did not receive an initial award.

Links: Grant notice and application submission is available in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), opportunity number USDA-FNS-CN-EAG-2026.

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