

OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICE
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
October 19, 2023

OFFICE OF CHILD NUTRITION

J. Approval of methodology to award Equipment Assistance grants to School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program

Background and Purpose: Grants will be awarded for SFAs to purchase equipment needed to serve healthier school meals, improve food safety, and expand access to school meals.

Eligibility: School Food Authorities, this includes school districts and other organizations, participating in the National School Lunch Program.

Funding Source: Federal

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

- Priority to high need districts
- Priority to schools that have not received previous grants
- Description of need submitted by the SFA
- SFAs may receive no more than two grant awards
- Amount of grant opportunities will be based on available USDA funds
- Grants will be up to \$30,000 per school based on actual expenditures

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None