

2019-20 Food Service Equipment Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is receiving \$930,292 to distribute to schools through a competitive grant process. Any school participating in the NSLP may apply for a single piece of equipment, \$1,000 or greater in cost, that meets one or more of the following priority areas:

- Equipment provides an opportunity to realize a meaningful impact on nutrition and quality of meals.
- Equipment is required for strategies that adopt lunchroom changes that provide convenience and appeal to the student population (e.g., healthier choices, redesigning menus that target healthier options).
- Replaces aging food service equipment.
- Improves energy efficiency

Districts with multiple eligible buildings must submit a separate application for each building.

Amount of Award: Award ceilings were not discussed in the grant guidelines. Equipment must cost at least \$1,000 and meet other grant specifications for equipment.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Applications are due by October 15, 2019. Notification date is unknown.

Alternatives if not Awarded: Equipment will not be purchased unless it has been otherwise budgeted for.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with the district's Food Service Management Company (FSMC) to develop a Food Service Equipment Grant application for any eligible building in the Warren County School District with qualifying food service equipment needs.