

2023 Food Service Equipment Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN) is receiving \$937,238 to distribute to schools through a competitive grant process. These funds will allow SFAs to purchase food service equipment to serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and help support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the School Breakfast Program. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that participate in the NSLP are eligible to apply and may submit 1 application per building with a limit of 2 applications per LEA.

The WCSD administration is working with Nutrition, Inc. to evaluate equipment needs and obtain necessary vendor quotes to move forward with two applications to the grant competition.

Amount of Award: Unknown at this time.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Applications are expected to open in early October 2023. Notification of awards will occur in January/February 2024.

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 Nutrition, Inc. to develop Food Service Equipment Grant applications for eligible buildings in the Warren County School District with qualifying food service equipment needs.