

2024 Food Service Equipment Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition (DFN) is receiving approximately \$333,000 in USDA funding 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 amount available for awards is nearly \$600,000 less than what was available in 2023-24.

The WCSD administration, working with Nutrition, Inc., has determined that it will submit two grants:

- 1) Youngsville Elementary School
 - a. Replacement Combi Thermal Oven
- 2) Eisenhower Middle Senior High School
 - a. Hoodless/Ventless Dishwasher

The administration is in the process of gathering all necessary quotes to proceed with each purchase.

Amount of Award: Unknown at this time.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Applications are due November 22, 2024. Notification of awards will occur in 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 Youngsville Elementary School and Eisenhower Middle High School for a Combi Thermal Oven and a Hoodless/Ventless Dishwasher.