

Child and Adult Care Food Program Grants Summary

Congress gave \$8 million in grants to CACFP to improve the nutrition and health of children in child care. Chairpersons Senator Lincoln and Representatives Miller provided the leadership to secure these grants for CACFP.

The \$8 million in grant funds will awarded by USDA on a competitive basis to state CACFP agencies, with sponsors eligible for subgrants, for the purpose of improving the health and nutrition of children in child care settings.

USDA shall give priority to projects that include the following activities:

- Promote nutrition and physical activity in child care settings consistent with the Dietary Guidelines and other relevant science;
- Provide technical assistance and training to sponsors and child care homes and centers in implementing state and local initiatives designed to improve the health and nutrition of children;
- Conduct outreach campaigns to increase access to the program in underserved areas and populations; and
- Make innovative use of technology to provide training and education to promote the nutrition, physical activity, and health of children.

All project applications should include a plan to improve the quality of food provided in child care centers and homes. USDA will determine the application process and issue a request for grants.

For examples of state and local nutrition and wellness projects please see FRAC's Child Care Wellness Tool Kit, Child and Adult Care Food Program. We will be posting CACFP best practices for outreach soon.

http://www.frac.org/html/federal_food_programs/programs/cacfp.html

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