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• 2016 GFBA Grant Available •

The Georgia Food Bank Association (GFBA) is seeking request for proposals (RFPs) for the GFBA - 2016 Capital and Community Investment Grants. Grants between \$3,000 and \$10,000 will be awarded to organizations to be used for capital investment purchases/expenses. Awards will be granted to organizations that meet any or all of the following criteria:

1. Providing year round feeding (both summer and afterschool),
2. Summer feeding only, or
3. Afterschool feeding only.

Eligible applicants must be:

- Experienced providers in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and/or the At-Risk Afterschool component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP);
- In good standing with Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning; and/or
- Organizations with existing viable backpack programs that want to expand their services.

The deadline to apply is March 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

For more information or questions related to the RFP, contact Michele Chivore, Campaign Director at michele.chivore@georgiafoodbankassociation.org.

• Application Submission Requirements •



DECAL encourages sponsors to complete and submit the SFSP application at least 45 days prior to the start of summer meal service and no later than June 15, 2016 to ensure adequate time for DECAL to review the application.

Failure to submit a complete application by the deadline date will delay review and approval of the application. Refer to the FY 2016 SFSP Application Booklet for detailed instructions on completing the application. The instruction booklet is available [here](#) and on the FY 2016 flash drive provided at annual training.

• Recently Released Policy Memoranda •

Nutrition Services released new policy guidance for all SFSP institutions.

Policy/Policy Memorandums:

- [Requirements for Obtaining a Food Service \(Kitchen\) Inspection](#) (issued 02/17/16)

The policy reminds SFSP institutions of the restrictions on disclosing sensitive information collected through the Child Nutrition Programs.

All SFSP policies and policy memoranda information is available on DECAL's website [here](#) and [here](#).

• Release of DECAL’s GA ATLAS System •

DECAL’s GA ATLAS (Access, Training and Learning Application System) is up and running. SFSP sponsors will experience a more user-friendly system that will allow 1) access to training registration and webinar or web-based training sessions 2) one application for CACFP and SFSP 3) claims submission and processing, and 4) the compliance review system.

GA ATLAS is available to new and experienced SFSP sponsors as of January 1, 2016. Annual training requirements for FY 2016 include attendance and completion of renewal training for experienced sponsors (1-day session) or Program and Orientation training for new sponsors (2-day session) and the “How to Complete the Application in GA ATLAS” training session. Sponsors must complete all training requirements in order to receive access to the GA ATLAS system. SFSP sponsors will have the opportunity to view web-based tutorial sessions that provide an introduction to navigating through GA ATLAS prior to completing required training.

“How to Complete the Application in GA ATLAS” training dates are listed below. Registration is now open. To register, contact Leslie Truman at 404.657.1779. Seating is limited. Therefore, sponsors are encouraged to register for training as soon as possible. (Note: training sessions are half-day.)

Date	Location	City	Time
March 9, 2016 (2 sessions)	GA State University - Instruction Tech Center	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm
March 30, 2016 (2 sessions)	Central GA Technical College - Building 1 Computer Lab	Macon, GA	9:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm
April 13, 2016 (2 sessions)	GA Southern University - Lane Conference Center	Statesboro, GA	9:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm
May 4, 2016 (2 sessions)	Atlanta Technical College - Dennard Building	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm
May 11, 2016 (2 sessions)	GA State University - Instruction Tech Center	Atlanta, GA	9:00am-12:00pm 1:30pm-4:30pm

• Urban Parks and the SFSP •

The National Park Service (NPS) is celebrating 100 years of service this year and would like to attract children and teens to urban parks across the country by providing summer meals on site.

Two parks in Georgia would like to serve as SFSP sites:

- Chattahoochee National Recreation Area in Atlanta
- Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield in Kennesaw

If you would like to expand your meal service and take on one of the parks as a site, contact Shani Drake, Marketing & Outreach Manager at shani.drake@dec.al.gov. This is a great opportunity to expand your meal service in 2016!

• 2016 Reimbursement Rates •



2016 reimbursement rates are now available on DECAL’s website [here](#).

• New SFSP Forms Available •

FY 2016 forms have been updated and are available [here](#) on DECAL’s website and on the flash drive provided at training.