



March 1, 2021

### **Mini-grant Opportunity for CACFP Institutions and Sponsors!**

In 2018, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning's (DECAL) Nutrition Division was awarded a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) to support training Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) organizations on the updated CACFP meal patterns. As part of the grant, the Nutrition Division offered in-person and virtual training sessions. DECAL will close-out the grant period with a virtual CACFP Meal Service Summit on Saturday, March 20, 2021 as well as offer culinary style videos on menu enhancements and knife skills. To compliment the overall training experience, the Nutrition Division is providing competitive mini-grants in the amount of \$750.00 to twenty-five (25) CACFP organizations. The purpose of the grant is to help supply much-needed training resources for Program staff on the CACFP updated meal patterns and to support the serving of healthy meals that meet USDA requirements. The mini-grants will support:

- Sponsors of day care homes (only) (5)
- Sponsors of child care centers (only) (5)
- Sponsor of both day care homes and child care (5)
- Independent institutions (10)

**The deadline to apply is March 12, 2021.** To apply, please click the link below to access the mini-grant application via Survey Monkey. Once all applications have been submitted, DECAL will review the applications and announce the recipients at the CACFP Meal Service Summit in March. Note: Organizations must be present at the Summit to receive the award.

#### **I. About the Funding:**

- Each institution/sponsor may only submit one application.
- The person completing the application must be the CACFP Program Contact or Delegated Principal.

#### **II. Eligibility:**

##### **The CACFP institution/sponsor must:**

- be a current and active Child and Adult Care Food Program agreement holder with DECAL;
- be in good standing (not declared Seriously Deficient in Program Years 2020 and 2021); and
- not currently owe an outstanding debt to DECAL.

#### **III. Allowable Costs:**

- Materials to support training for CACFP updated meal patterns (materials must be for CACFP use only and not for personal use)
  - *Training materials:* binders, training facilitator, and travel costs; virtual training platforms and materials; USDA Team Nutrition training materials; printed training materials; photocopied training

- materials
- *Training topics:* topics include CACFP Updated Meal Patterns, CACFP Best Practices, Infant Feeding in the CACFP, Healthy Cooking Methods in the CACFP
  - *Meal prep items:* preparation materials such as cutting board, chef's knife, paring knife, serrated knife, grater, vegetable peeler, kitchen shears, colander, mixing bowl; measuring materials such as measuring spoons and measuring cups; cooking materials such as saucepan, skillet, steamer insert, strainer; serving and stirring materials such as slotted spoon, ladles, spatula, whisk, tongs; other cooking utensils

#### **IV. Unallowable Costs:**

- Food/meals
- Large kitchen equipment
- Staff salaries and benefits
- Items not listed in **Section III.** above

#### **V. Post-Award Requirements:**

- Awardees will be required to submit to DECAL a project summary, photographs, receipts, and invoices on the use of the funds by September 1, 2021. Documents submitted may be subject for review.

#### **VI. Application and Selection Requirements:**

To be considered for an award, applicants must:

- Have read, understand, and agree to the requirements in Sections I. through V. above.
- Complete the online application (via Survey Monkey). To access the application, please go to:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CACFPGrant2021>
- Submit the application on or before March 12, 2021.
- Fully attend the virtual CACFP Meal Service Summit on Saturday, March 20, 2021. **Registration begins March 3, 2021.**

For questions concerning the application, please feel free to contact **Diana Myers** or **Sonja Adams** via email. \*\*\*Please type, **GRANT QUESTION**, in the subject line of your message.

Regards,

Nutrition Services

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