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Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Grant –

Item Name

FBO – Grant – Reduced-Price Student Meal Reimbursement Grant

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education authorize the State School Superintendent to award a grant to School Food Authorities (SFAs) at a cost not to exceed \$6,333,876 in Federal Funds for the reimbursement of the remaining cost for the service of reduced priced student school breakfast and lunches not funded with Federal reimbursement.

Supports the Following Education Goal or Goals in the Agency Strategic Plan

- Ongoing Operations

Rationale

These funds will allow SFAs participating in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs to receive reimbursement for the service of reduced-priced student school meals at \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch, covering costs not funded by Federal reimbursement.

Details

Objective:	To reimburse SFAs for the cost of reduced-price school meals not federally funded.
Grant Recipient:	SFAs
Grant Amount:	\$6,333,876
Funding Source:	Federal Funds
Grant Period for Recipient:	July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
Renewal:	N/A
Budget History:	N/A

Performance

Describe how the grant will be monitored to ensure satisfactory performance: This grant is structured as a reimbursement program, with funds allocated to each SFA based on reduced priced meal service during School Year 2024. The grant funds will be disbursed in accordance with the approved budget through monthly claims filed by SFAs for meal service reimbursement at a rate of \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. State staff will review the claims documentation, verifying meal counts. Claims will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure timely reimbursement of funds. State staff will also monitor expenditures through quarterly and annual reports.

Performance, criteria, and results: Successful performance will be ensured by reviewing documentation submitted with meal claims for reimbursement. Performance will also be measured by regularly monitoring grant expenditures.

Performance Metrics: The State agency will use its claims review process, grant utilization reports, and site visits to both measure and inform successful grant performance.

Summary

Scope of Grant:

To supplement the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program Federal funding to fund the remaining cost of reduced-price meals to Georgia students. Once awarded, the SFAs must submit a monthly claim for reimbursement. The funds expire on June 30, 2024.

Purpose of Grant:

The funds will allow SFAs to serve reduced-priced school breakfast and lunch to students at no cost.

History:

How the Grant Recipient was Selected:

- Formula Grant
- Competitive Grant (FOGA Number 160-1-4.275)

Describe the grant process:

SFAs will submit a monthly meal claim for the grant. The state agency will verify the meal claim and disburse payments to the SFAs on a monthly basis.

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