New Jersey Child Nutrition Fund (NJCNF)

COVID-19 Emergency Meal Grants

Award Summary

The New Jersey Child Nutrition Fund (NJCNF), created and administered by the Reinvestment Fund and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, provides capital funding and technical assistance for federal nutrition program sponsors, sites, and meal vendors to expand the availability of fresh and nutritious food to children across the state of New Jersey. In response to the public health and economic crisis created by the Novel Coronavirus, Reinvestment Fund is using NJCNF resources offered COVID–19 Emergency Meal Grants.

- **54 total applications** received from launch on April 21 to June 23, 2020.
- **$700,425** in grant awards to 41 organizations participating in CACFP and/or SFSP and serving emergency meals during COVID-19 disruptions.
- Of the total, **$315,870** (45%) was awarded to 29 sites for facility improvements and infrastructure.
- **$385,555** (55%) supported the increased costs for program adaptation and the continuation of meal service through hazard pay, staffing, PPE, increased cost of food, and other general operating needs.
- 73% of awardees are organizations participating in CACFP; 41% of awardees are organizations participating in SFSP.
- 76% of awardees are early childhood education providers who either remained in operations or continued meal programs while closed, often expanding meals to siblings.
- 24% of awardees include community recreation centers, food pantries, summer camps, other community-based organizations, and one food vendor.
- 66% of awardees met location priorities of being southern and/or rural New Jersey, or in communities less likely to be served by their school district.
- Of the total awardees, 76% are women-owned or controlled organizations and 54% are owned or controlled by people of color.
- These funds have supported operations serving **75,000+** meals on a weekly basis, for estimated over **1 million** meals during spring and summer 2020.

Grants support organizations that are addressing rising food insecurity among children and families in New Jersey. NJCNF offered a total of **$700,425** in grants to help current CACFP and SFSP programs continue meal service in response to COVID-19 disruptions.
Grant Awardees Listed in alphabetical order.

ACELERO LEARNING
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APPEL FARM ARTS & MUSIC CAMPUS
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MERCER COUNTY
BRIGHT STAR SERVICES LLC
CHILD & FAMILY RESOURCES, INC.
CHRISTIAN PENTECOSTAL AFTER SCHOOL
CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK YOUTH SERVICES
CLINTON HILL COMMUNITY & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
CORNERSTONE FAMILY PROGRAMS
DR MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY CENTER
EARLY RISE ACADEMY
FUTURE LEADERS LEARNING CENTER LLC
FUTURE LEADERS ORGANIZATION
GATEWAY COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
GRANDMA'S PLACE PRESCHOOL
GREATER PHILADELPHIA YMCA
KIDDIE ACADEMY OF FREEHOLD
KIDDIECARE
LITTLE EINSTEINS ACADEMY
LITTLE HEARTS LEARNING CENTER
LOVE MINISTRIES OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL, INC.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY RECREATION COUNCIL INC., KIDDIE KEEP WELL CAMP
NAZARENE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
NEW LIFE DREAM ACADEMY

OAKS INTEGRATED CARE
OASIS -- A HAVEN FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
OCEAN AVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT
ONE STEP AT A TIME ACADEMY
PALESTINIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
PEEKABOO CHILDCARE
RELIB DELI
ROOSTER'S ROUND UP
SCRIBBLES LEARNING CENTER
SMART START ACADEMY
SPARK PRESCHOOL
SUSANA'S DAYCARE CENTER INC.
THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY
THE GROWING PALACE
THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE AT PRINCETON
YMCA OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY