

*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

ACELERO LEARNING MONMOUTH/MIDDLESEX COUNTY

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

RELISH 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