**Application for FY23 Equipment Assistance Grant**

**Deadline: Friday, December 16th 4PM ET**

**One Application Per School Per Piece of Equipment**

1. Name of LEA/SFA:

2. School Name:

3. Equipment Needs for this School:

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| Equipment Needed | Criteria/Focus Area(s)  (1,2,3,4,5,6) | Approximate Cost  **$** |
|  |  | $ |

**Please specify the proposed equipment to be purchased, the Criteria/Focus Area(s) (listed below) addressed and approximate cost of the equipment.**

Criteria/Focus Areas:

1. Equipment that improves the nutrition and quality of meals (E.g., replacing fryers with combination steamer-ovens)
2. Equipment that improves the safety of food served in the school meal programs (E.g., equipment that holds food at appropriate temperatures)
3. Equipment that improves the overall energy efficiency of the school food service operations (E.g., replacing current equipment with more energy efficient)
4. Equipment used to improve or expand participation in the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, Afterschool Snack Program, and/or Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. (E.g., mobile carts for alternative meal service options)
5. Equipment that promotes smarter lunchroom (e.g., lunchroom changes that provide more convenience and appeal to the student population, highlighting healthier choices.)
6. Age of current food service equipment or lack of appropriate equipment (e.g., current equipment is outdated and limited, and limits menu variety)

Please provide justification for the following. Responses should address the Criteria/Focus Area(s) selected.

1. Explain the need and describe how this piece of equipment will change current program operations.
2. Identify the difference(s) that the equipment will make in the school nutrition program.

1. Share how the equipment will improve participation, food safety, energy efficiency, nutrition, and quality of meals, or promote smarter lunchrooms.
2. Identify how the equipment will be utilized in the School Breakfast, National School Lunch program, Afterschool Snack Program, and/or FFVP.
3. Share the process conducted for selecting the school and piece of equipment needed.

1. Identify your timeline to complete the procurement and expenditure activities by Sept. 30, 2023.

**CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION**

I certify that all the information provided in this application is true and correct and that all local, state, and federal regulations regarding procurement and expenditures will be followed. I certify that these purchases are subject to desktop audit and review by USDA and KDE. I certify that all funds will be expended by September 30, 2024, and will be tracked separately from other School Nutrition Program funds. I certify that all USDA required reporting will be completed and maintained on file. I certify that no bids will be piggybacked from another bid for this equipment.

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Signature of Superintendent Date

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Signature of Food Service Director Date

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