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SDE awards technology grants for child nutrition across Idaho

(BOISE) – Thirteen school districts and child care organizations across Idaho will implement innovative technology solutions for child nutrition programs thanks to a grant from the US Department of Agriculture.

The awards represent Round 1 of \$250,000 in mini-grants the Idaho State Department of Education will distribute as part of a USDA Technology Information Grant (TIG).

“This funding will help our Child Nutrition Programs improve program accountability, data accuracy, program performance and capacity building across every part of Idaho,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “Each award to a school district or child care organization will meet their local needs for computer equipment, software and more.”

Round 1 of the TIG mini-grant cycle will distribute \$131,526.64 to help 13 Idaho districts and organizations purchase new equipment for their Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

More information about [Child Nutrition Programs](#) and [SDE grant opportunities](#) is available on the State Department of Education website. Schools receiving 2019 grant awards in Round 1 include:

SFA	Equipment	Grant Award
St. Maries School District	2 desktops, 1 laptop, 8 monitors, 1 printer, 3 battery backups, 5 pin pads, 1 router, Skyward Software	\$14,335.49
Murtaugh Joint School District	Printer, toner, keyboard, mouse, HDMI cables, laptop, docking station, iPad Pro, iPad keyboard folio, smart TV, Apple TV Box, PC Monitor, Hardware, DVD Reader and mouse	\$8,969.43
Hagerman School District	Computer, WiFi Access, 1 Display TV, and Mosaic cloud based software	\$4,896.09
Dietrich School District	3 Towers, 3 touch monitor, Surface, Projector, Dymo, Printer, Mosaic POS, Inventory	\$9,831.82

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Boys & Girls Club of Lewis Clark Valley	2 Multi Media TV Centers, Desktop w/Dual Monitors, Laptop, Installation.	\$8,400.00
Plummer Worley School District	Mealtime Software, Desktop, Laptop, Scanner	\$5,543.95
Jannus/Nutrition Works	KidKare Enhancements & Training, Tablets & Cases, Laptop & Docking Station	\$23,963.86
Castleford School District	Titan SIS POS	\$4,420.00
Lewiston School District	12 Computers	\$6,900.00
The Small World Training and Learning Center	1 Server/Main PC, Laptop, 8 Tablets	\$11,238.00
Caldwell School District	Heartland Pioneer X% Celeron Quad 2G Win 10, LTSC 8 GB Wireless	\$23,310.00
WICAP Head Start	5 laptops, 3 iPads, My Food Program	\$8,468.00
Legacy Public Charter School	Mosaic Software	\$1,250.00

Grant awards are contingent upon available USDA funds. The main focus of the Idaho grant will be in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), where operational funding is very limited and grants are seldom available. National School Lunch Program (NSLP) sponsors also can apply.

The Technology Information Grant will bring in a total of more than \$1.48 million to Idaho. In addition to mini-grants for local sponsors, Child Nutrition Programs will use the rest of the money to build a detailed Statewide Data Suite, allowing the department to provide needed information as requested for better customer service.

“The Data Suite will increase reporting ability and efficiencies, and it will help us identify and respond to trends within the programs,” said Dr. Colleen Fillmore, director of Child Nutrition Programs for the State Department of Education.

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