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SDE awards grant funds to help 19 Idaho schools upgrade kitchen equipment

(BOISE) - The Idaho State Department of Education has awarded \$125,215.47 in federal grant funding through its Child Nutrition Programs to help 19 Idaho schools purchase new equipment for their National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced Thursday.

“Thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Equipment Grant, schools across Idaho will improve their food service with new equipment ranging from freezers and dishwashers to a salad bar and massive mixers,” Superintendent Ybarra said.

The application process was competitive, with 23 School Food Authorities (SFAs) submitting grant applications totaling more than \$170,697 in equipment requests. Consideration was given to SFAs that had not received previous equipment grants and schools with a high percentage of students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals. Other factors in the selection process included expanding meal participation, food safety, energy efficiency, and improving the nutrition and quality of meals.

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

SFA	Site	Equipment	Grant Award
Dietrich School District	Dietrich School	Warming/Proofing Cabinet and Salad Bar	\$5,725.00
Victory Charter School	Victory Charter School	Planetary Floor Mixer	\$6,042.08
North Gem School District	North Gem School	Refrigerator/Cooler	\$5,499.00
Soda Springs Joint School District	Thirkill Elementary School	Convection Steamer	\$6,250.00

SFA	Site	Equipment	Grant Award
Richfield School District	Richfield School	Freezer	\$5,681.00
Bear Lake School District	Bear Lake High School	3 Door Freezer	\$6,135.90
Lewiston School District	Centennial Elementary	Dishwasher	\$10,948.00
Emmett School District	Emmett Food Service Warehouse	3 Door Cooler	\$5,600.00
Midvale School District	Midvale School	Convection Oven	\$6,766.81
St. Edwards Catholic School	St. Edwards Catholic School	Gas Convection Oven	\$5,207.77
Grace School District	Thatcher Elementary	Convection Oven	\$7,230.00
Shelley School District	Sunrise Elementary	Steam Jacketed Kettle and Stand	\$6,654.50
West Jefferson School District	West Jefferson Elementary	High Temp Washer	\$7,135.76
St. Maries School District	Heyburn Elementary	Dishwasher and Freezer	\$13,626.25
Cottonwood School District	Prairie Elementary School	30 Qt. Mixer	\$5,002.00
Cascade School District	Cascade Elementary and Jr/Sr High	Dishwasher	\$3,635.00
Five County Detention and Youth Rehabilitation Center	Five County JDC	Meat Slicer	\$4,730.00
Kamiah Joint School District	Central Kitchen	Air Cooled Condenser Unit	\$6,938.15
Boundary County District	Boundary County Middle School	Six Plate Range	\$6,408.00

Grant awards are contingent upon available USDA funds.

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