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14 Idaho Schools Get USDA Grant Funds for Kitchen Equipment

(BOISE) - The Idaho Department of Education has awarded \$129,459 in federal grant funding through its Child Nutrition Programs to help 14 schools to purchase new equipment for their National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

The department received the funding through the United States Department of Agriculture Equipment Assistance Grant. Individual grant awards will fund new equipment including freezers, ovens, refrigerators, mixers and dishwashers.

The application process was competitive, with 24 School Food Authorities (SFAs) submitting grant applications totaling more than \$535,849 in equipment requests. Factors in the selection process included consideration of the age of food service equipment or lack of appropriate items, availability of existing state and local funding for equipment purchases, strategies for adopting lunchroom changes that provide more convenience and appeal to the student and opportunities to realize meaningful impacts on the nutrition and quality of meals.

Schools receiving 2023 grant awards include:

School Food Authority	Site	Equipment	Grant Award
Fruitland	Fruitland High School	Milk Cooler	\$2,299.00
Payette	Payette Food Service Warehouse	Refrigeration Unit	\$9,426.00
St. Maries	Upriver School	Electric Cook/Holding Oven	\$12,158.18
MacKay School	District	Reach In Refrigerator	\$5,493.03
Plummer Worley	Lakeside Middle / High School	High Temperature Dishwasher	\$12,733.75
Meadows Valley School	Meadows Valley School	Reach In Refrigerator	\$3,166.85

School Food Authority	Site	Equipment	Grant Award
Orofino	District	Counterbalance Walkie Reach Truck	\$16,680.00
Elevate Nampa	Nampa	Fridge/Freezer Combo	\$4,628.74
Westside School District	Westside High School	Mixer	\$11,010.41
Caldwell	Jefferson Middle School	Dishwasher	\$13,826.96
Blaine County School District	Carey School	Double Deck Electric Convection Oven	\$12,085.00
Valley School District	District	Heated Holding/Proofing Cabinet	\$2,408.00
Northwest Children's Home		Gas Oven	\$7,218.00
West Ada	District	Outdoor Walk in Freezer	\$16,325.08

Grant awards are contingent upon available USDA funds.

More information about [Child Nutrition Programs](#) is available on the Idaho Department of Education website.

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