

New Hampshire Implementation -American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Program Title: **National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance**

Short Description: Competitive grants to school food authorities for equipment.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$100,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: \$215,765

Granting Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Managing Agency: N.H. Department of Education

Status: Application information available

Award Criteria: Funds allocated to states proportional to NH's administrative expense allocation of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

States competitively grant funds to school food authorities based on need and priority given to schools with over 50% of students eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Instructions from USDA indicate funds are to be allocation by June 8, 2009, with 3 months to expend such funds. The purpose is to purchase equipment to be used in the delivery of child nutrition programs.

The funds are competitive based on the number of free and reduced meals.

Time Line for use: Application information will be available on March 23rd at the New Hampshire Department of Education web site:

<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm>

Funds are to be allocated to districts by June 8, 2009. Districts will have three months to expend the funds.

Details: ARRA - page 5.

- National School Lunch Program
- http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/AboutLunch/ProgramHistory_6.htm

All information is the best available as of 5/7/09 and is subject to change. Estimated funds may change significantly as federal agencies finalize allocations and/or competitive grants are awarded.