

*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:

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

<b>Percentage of Students Eligible for Free &amp; Reduced Price Meals for current year, as determined by the January 2009 claim</b>	<b>Maximum Percentage of Cost of Equipment/Materials which will be paid by ARRA funds</b>
50% or more	100%
40% or more	75%
30% or more	50%
Less than 30%	25%

The focus of SFAs grants should be:

- Equipment that lends itself to improving the quality of school food service meals that meet the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans;
- Equipment that improves the safety of food served in the school meal programs;
- Equipment that improves the overall energy efficiency of the school food service operations; or
- Equipment that allows SFAs to support expanded participation in a school meal program

Time Line for use: Application information will be available on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/AboutLunch/ProgramHistory_6.htm)

All information is the best available as of 6/2/09 and is subject to change. Estimated funds may change significantly as federal agencies finalize allocations and/or competitive grants are awarded.