

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
School Food Directors/Supervisors
Public Information Officers

FROM: Virgie R. Chambers
Deputy Superintendent, District Operations, Safety, and Student Wellness

DATE: October 5, 2026

RE: 2026-28 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Subgrant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2026-28 Request for Proposals for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance subgrant is now available online. Up to \$384,909 is available to provide National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance subgrants to School Food Authorities (SFA). The deadline to apply is **November 20, 2026**.

The SCDE anticipates awarding approximately 19 new subgrants in this funding cycle. Award amounts will be determined based on the quality of applications received and total funding requested. The equipment the applicant proposes to purchase must have a value of greater than \$1,000. No subgrant will be awarded more than \$20,000; the balance for equipment costs exceeding this limit will be the responsibility of the SFA.

The SCDE will provide a technical assistance webinar for potential applicants via [Adobe Connect](#) on **October 21, 2026**, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) for the request for proposals, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about this NSLP program, contact Heather Snelgrove at 803-734-6034, hsnelgrove@ed.sc.gov.