



## GRANTS

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# FREE MONEY!

- In only 2 years, 16 grants rewarded totaling over 1.1 million dollars
- Innovative programs while maintaining a healthy bottom line
- Programs Awarded:
  - Alternative Breakfast e.g. Breakfast in the Classroom
  - Salad Bars
  - Summer Meals
  - After-school Meals
  - Equipment Assistance

# Funding Sources

- Sources:
  1. USDA and State Department
  2. Healthcare agencies (INOVA, Aetna, Kaiser)
  3. Non-profit organizations (Dairy association, No Kid Hungry, Share our Strength, United Fresh Produce, Chef Ann Foundation, School Nutrition Association)
- Notification:
  - Sign-up for email blasts
  - Dedicate a staff (or team) to review and apply
  - Reach out to district “foundation” as a resource

# Best Practices

- Tell your story – anywhere and everywhere
  - School website and parent newsletters
  - Community events
  - Press releases
  - Social Media
- Think BIG
  - Request the highest value
  - No achievement is too small to report – any progress is still progress



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