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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2019  
TO: Food Service Managers, Directors, Business Managers and Superintendents  
FROM: Rosie Krueger, Assistant Director, Child Nutrition Programs  
SUBJECT: Food Service Equipment Grants

Child Nutrition Programs is pleased to announce that **2020 Food Service Equipment Grant** funds are available to Vermont Schools participating in the School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, and to those schools who wish to implement the School Lunch or Breakfast Program. The grant funds are available, after finalization of the state Education budget, as matching funds to support the purchase of food service equipment that will improve the infrastructure of healthy food production, food safety, and to support the purchase of Computer Point of Sale meal counting and claiming systems to ensure program accountability and integrity.

The goals for the Equipment Grant Funds this year are to focus on the following: a) equipment purchases that support the preparation and service of foods that comply with the Meal Pattern requirements and support food safety, b) Point Of Sale systems for schools that do not have a computerized system for the meal counting process, and c) equipment needs for schools starting lunch and breakfast programs. We strongly encourage schools that are still using manual meal counting systems to take advantage of this funding opportunity. The maximum grant award per school is \$3500.

The FY2020 Food Service Equipment Grant application package is enclosed. Please review the entire packet to take advantage of the assistance that is available. The application is also available to download from the [Agency of Education's website](#).

The materials regarding the 2020 Food Service Equipment Grants include:

- Request for Applications
- Cover Page
- Grant application
  - Application for Food Service Equipment
  - Application for Computer Software/Hardware
  - Grant Application Checklist