

NORTHLAND FOUNDATION

October 06, 2014

Project # 14-15740

William Gronseth
Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709
215 N 1st Avenue East
Duluth MN 55802

Dear Mr. William Gronseth:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees of the Northland Foundation has reviewed your proposal for the **Youth Success Team Grant** and voted to approve a grant for **\$60,000.00** for the period (10/01/2014 to 09/30/2016) to **Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709**.

The Agreement of Grantee is attached for your review. If you agree with the conditions presented, please have it signed by the authorized official.

The Northland Foundation has implemented an Electronic Funds Transfer process (electronic checks) for grant payments. Enclosed is an ACH Credit Authorization Agreement form to be completed with the grantee organization or fiscal agent organization bank account information.

Please return the signed Agreement of Grantee and ACH Credit Authorization forms immediately to the Northland Foundation via email (scanned copies), fax (218-723-4048), or USPS (hard copies) in order for our accounting department to release your payment from Republic Bank.

The Northland Foundation will implement a multiple payment schedule for this grant. If all of the grant conditions are met, these payments will be distributed in sums of **\$30,000.00 on 11/01/2014 and \$30,000.00 on 10/01/2015**.

The Northland Foundation will be making public news releases through the regional media regarding all of the grants awarded. Please utilize your community media resources to announce receipt of these funds to your project. The Northland Foundation would appreciate being acknowledged as a source of support in all news releases initiated by you. Please provide us with copies of any press coverage and photographs received by your project, as well as any media releases and program materials you produce. These will be added to your file and may be utilized by the Northland Foundation in our public information efforts.

As you will note, one of the conditions of the Agreement of Grantee is the submission of reports on the progress, outcomes, and financial activity of your project. These project reports are scheduled as indicated: **09/15/2015 for the Progress Report, and 10/31/2016 for the Final Report**. Please provide us sufficient narrative to describe the progress and impact of your project. For your convenience, the reporting forms are available on the grantee portal.

On behalf of the Northland Foundation, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to you and your organization. Please call Carole Saylor, Grants Manger if you have any questions. I look forward to learning about the progress and success of your project.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Renier
President

Attachments
cc: Carole Saylor



AGREEMENT OF GRANTEE

As a condition of a total grant of **\$60,000.00** from the Northland Foundation to **Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709** in support of the **Youth Success Team Grant request**, the undersigned agrees:

1. To use the funds only for the designated purpose as described in the grant notification letter dated 10/02/2014 and to notify the Northland Foundation of and obtain its consent to any substantial deviations from said grant application.
2. To maintain its books and records to show, and separately account for, the funds received under this grant, and to maintain records of expenditures adequate to identify the purposes for which grant funds have been expended.
3. To permit the Northland Foundation, at its request, to have complete access to the grantee's files and records for the purpose of making such financial audits, verifications, and investigations as it deems necessary concerning the grant, and to maintain such files and records for a period of at least four years after completion or termination of the project.
4. To repay to the Northland Foundation any portion of the grant which is not used for the purposes specified herein or in the grant application.
5. To not use the funds for any purpose prohibited by law, and to immediately notify the Northland Foundation of any lawsuit or any proceedings before any federal, state, or local administrative agency, which may be initiated against it.
6. To submit progress reports to the Northland Foundation, detailing activities and progress in accomplishing the objectives of the project, as well as all expenditures made in administration of the grant, as requested by the Northland Foundation staff.
7. Upon completion of the period for which funds were granted, to submit a detailed final report of the activities carried out under the grant, a final expenditures report, and an evaluation of what has been accomplished by the project.
8. That the total amount of this grant, or any payment thereof, may be discontinued, modified or withheld at any time when, in the judgment of the Northland Foundation, such action is necessary to comply with requirements of the law.

Name of Organization or Fiscal Agent

Authorized by Organization
(Administrator, Officer, Board Chair, Superintendent)

Date

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ACH Credit Authorization Agreement for automatic deposits

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Please complete and return to the Northland Foundation

Contact Name

Contact email address

Organization Name (Grantee)

Contact Phone Number

Fiscal Agent Name/Contact Name/Phone Number (if acting as fiscal agent for Grantee)

Financial Institution

Account Name

Financial Institution - Street Address

Financial Institution - City/State/Zip

Bank Routing Number

Account Number at Financial Institution

Savings Account

Checking Account

I authorize Northland Foundation and the financial institution listed above to initiate electronic monthly payment credit entries, and if necessary, debit entries for adjustments to any credit entries in error to above named account. We will contact you before any adjusting entries are made. This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing or for the duration of the Grant.

Authorized Signature / Title

Date

Please attach voided check here:

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Hunger-Free Minnesota's School Breakfast Initiative Announces 2014-15 School Breakfast Challenge

60 Minnesota schools to receive financial incentives to increase breakfast participation and prepare students for academic success.

Minneapolis (PRWEB) February 13, 2014



The School Breakfast Initiative announced today that it is launching its 2014-15 School Breakfast Challenge to increase participation in the School Breakfast Program among low-income Minnesota students. Up to 60 schools will be selected to receive financial incentive to increase participation in school breakfast.

The School Breakfast Initiative is a partnership between Hunger-Free Minnesota and Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota. Financial support comes from the General Mills Foundation and Cargill.

"Earlier this week, Governor Mark Dayton pledged to include \$3.5 million in his supplemental budget request to ensure that no Minnesota student is denied access to a hot meal at lunchtime," said Ellie Lucas, chief campaign officer for Hunger-Free Minnesota. "We applaud the Governor's commitment to Minnesota's children and we are proud to support our schools, principals, teachers and nutrition directors to ensure that more students are also able to start their school day with a nutritious breakfast that sets them up for academic success."

Surveys of school teachers by No Kid Hungry, along with other studies by the University of Minnesota, overwhelmingly show that school breakfast works to keep kids focused, behaved, and learning. Patti Roberts, principal at Sunnyside Elementary School in Red Wing, who participated in the 2013-14 School Breakfast Challenge shared her thoughts on the importance of school breakfast in a video created by Hunger-Free Minnesota.

"I see hunger every morning, every day at our school," said Roberts. "We feel very strongly that if the basic needs of our children are not met, they are not going to be good learners."

What is the School Breakfast Challenge?

The 2014-15 School Breakfast Challenge will provide 60 selected schools with \$2,500 in unrestricted funds to invest in increasing school breakfast participation in addition to \$0.25 per meal incentive served to free-and reduced-price (F/R) eligible children over the prior school year up to 25,000 meals. More information and the application are available at: <http://www.schoolbreakfastinitiative.org>

The Need

Research studies by Deloitte/No Kid Hungry and the National Dairy Council, demonstrate that children who start their day with a nutritious school breakfast have a better attendance record, higher math test scores, and improved graduation rates. 320,000 students in Minnesota are eligible for free and reduced-cost meals. Low utilization of free and reduced-cost meals from the Minnesota School Breakfast Program is widespread across school districts. Overall usage of the federally funded school breakfast program is only 45 percent.

Overcoming Barriers to School Breakfast Participation

The \$2,500 grants will be unrestricted and will help schools to cover implementation costs. In addition to financial support, the Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota will work with selected schools to connect them with resources such as information on successful models, promotional materials, and lessons learned and will help them identify other potential funding opportunities. This work will include identifying barriers to participation such as time constraints, transportation issues and lack of awareness.

"Our goal is to eliminate barriers for schools so more children who come to school hungry can get a healthy breakfast to set them up for learning," said Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota executive director Peggy Flanagan. "We have been working across the state over the past year and have seen marked success. Schools that have increased their breakfast utilization have seen increases in daily attendance and academic performance and decreases in behavioral issues, illness and trips to the nurse."

School Breakfast Initiative Partners

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Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota

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Cargill Foundation
 Minnesota Department of Education
 Midwest Dairy Council
 Office of Lt. Governor Yvonne Pretzner-Solon

"Our support of the School Breakfast Challenge comes from our belief that our community will be stronger if we look for opportunities to collaborate," said Ellen Luger, executive director of the General Mills Foundation. "Wherever we get involved, the goal is to live our mission of Nourishing Lives."

"Cargill is proud to partner with Hunger-Free Minnesota to support the School Breakfast Initiative," said Tola Oyewole, director of the Cargill Foundation. "Hunger-Free Minnesota addresses the issue of childhood hunger and academic performance for educational success."

About Hunger-Free Minnesota

Hunger-Free Minnesota is a time-limited campaign to close the 100-million missing-meal gap in Minnesota. Focused on eight targeted initiatives that combined will add 60 million new meals to the hunger-relief system, Hunger-Free Minnesota funds innovative strategies in emergency food system capacity, sourcing nutritious food options, enrollment and utilization of federal nutrition programs, and health outcomes for food insecure populations. More information is available at [http://www.hungerfreemn.org.

About Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota

Established in 1985, Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota is the only policy organization in the state to focus solely on the needs of children. CDF-Minnesota targets all Minnesota children, particularly children being raised in low-income households who suffer greater barriers to full participation in society. CDF-Minnesota pays particular attention to the needs of our most vulnerable children. To achieve its goals, CDF-Minnesota conducts research, helps connect families with public work support programs, educates the community about issues affecting children, and advocates for effective tax, social and health policies on behalf of the state's children.



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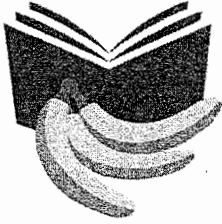
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2014-15 SCHOOL BREAKFAST CHALLENGE GRANT AGREEMENT

THANKS TO THE GENERAL MILLS FOUNDATION, THE CARGILL FOUNDATION, AND THE MIDWEST DAIRY COUNCIL, WITH SUPPORT FROM HUNGER-FREE MINNESOTA, THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND - MINNESOTA, AND THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Please sign this grant agreement indicating your acceptance of the terms of the award. Receipt of your signed acceptance is required in order to receive funds.

Grant Summary

The grant begins with a \$2,500 award that will be paid upon receiving the signed Grant Agreement. The remainder of the award is based on School Breakfast Program participation increases in the 2014-15 school year. Performance awards will be paid quarterly based on performance in the previous quarter of the 2013-14 school year. Please refer to the Evaluation Plan for full details on how performance awards will be calculated.

We anticipate that the first performance-based funds will be paid in January 2015 or as school breakfast participation data from the Minnesota Department of Education is made available. Payments will be paid quarterly from there until the final payment is made for the end of the 2014-15 school year or until the school reaches its maximum of \$6,250 (\$0.25 for 25,000 additional meals), whichever comes first. This funding is unrestricted and may be used for any purpose within the school.

Terms and Conditions

Below are the terms and conditions of accepting this School Breakfast Challenge, made possible by the General Mills Foundation, the Cargill Foundation, the Midwest Dairy Council, Hunger-Free Minnesota, and the Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota.

School's Responsibilities:

- By signing this document, you agree to comply with the terms of the Grant Agreement and reporting requirements as outlined in the attached Evaluation Plan.
- By accepting this grant, you commit to taking action in your school to try to increase School Breakfast Program participation among free- and reduced-price eligible (FR) students. We highly encourage shifting to a breakfast model with demonstrated success at increasing breakfast participation such as Grab n Go, Breakfast in the Classroom, or Second Chance Breakfast. Schools that would prefer to test a different service model or take other actionable steps toward increasing breakfast participation are asked to email Debbie Leone at dleone@childrensdefense.org to let her know your plans.
- You understand that consultation and planning services are and will be made available to you via School Breakfast Initiative staff. Appointments for support should be made as soon as possible to ensure the staff has time to meet your needs. Please reach out to Debbie Leone at 651-855-1186 or dleone@childrensdefense.org to learn more or schedule an appointment.



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School Breakfast Initiative Responsibilities:

- The School Breakfast Initiative is responsible for overseeing program evaluation as outlined in the Evaluation Plan.
- The School Breakfast Initiative will make all reasonable efforts to respond to requests for support from participating schools. This may include but is not limited to consulting with school leaders to think through School Breakfast Program service plans and providing resources and information about best practices.

Next Steps

1. Please sign this grant agreement with an electronic signature (below). If for any reason you cannot submit the agreement via this web form, please make other arrangements by emailing Libby Stegger at lstegger@hungerfreemn.org.
2. After signing this grant agreement, print and keep a copy for your records.

Legal Copy Required by Patriot Act

Consistent with Executive Order 13223 and the Patriot Act, you agree that you have not knowingly and will not knowingly provide financial, technical, in-kind, or material support or resources to any individual or entity, or agent thereof, that you know, or have reason to know, advocates, plans, sponsors, engages in, or have engaged in terrorist activity, including prohibited persons on a U.S. Government issued list (e.g., OFAC SDN list).

Furthermore, you will take reasonable steps to ensure that the funds or resources are not used by you to support terrorists or terrorist organizations, including prohibited persons on a U.S. Government issued list (e.g., OFAC SDN list).

You certify that none of the officers, directors, or affiliated organizations of your organization, including subsidiaries, partners, or parent organizations, knowingly support or engage in terrorist activity.

Enforcement

This Agreement shall be enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

By signing below, you fully understand and agree to comply with the above conditions and requirements of accepting this award from the School Breakfast Initiative: Presented by Hunger-Free Minnesota and Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota. You certify that the check you will receive from Second Harvest Heartland, fiscal sponsor of Hunger-Free Minnesota, represents a charitable contribution to your tax-exempt school with no exchange of any goods or services.

School Principal Signature

Date

School Principal Printed Name and Title

E-Mail and Phone Number



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2014-15 SCHOOL BREAKFAST CHALLENGE GRANT EVALUATION PLAN

THANKS TO THE GENERAL MILLS FOUNDATION, THE CARGILL FOUNDATION, AND THE MIDWEST DAIRY COUNCIL,
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Document Overview

This document outlines the evaluation plan for the school year 2014-15 School Breakfast Challenge. The School Breakfast Initiative aims to ensure minimal reporting requirements. The school will not have to provide data to us. Performance evaluation will be based on data you already provide to the Department of Education.

We will also ask for a *brief* overview of your activities, successes, and/or obstacles in October 2014. This is an opportunity to check in so we can determine how best to support your school ongoing so you can take full advantage of the incentive award.

Performance Evaluation Process

EnSearch will conduct an independent evaluation to determine quarterly award amounts for participating School Breakfast Challenge schools according to the following plan:

- School Breakfast Initiative staff will acquire quarterly School Breakfast Program participation data for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years (SY) from the Minnesota Department of Education.
- The SY2013-14 quarterly data will be the baseline measurement for increases in School Breakfast Program participation among free- and reduced-price (FR) students.
- EnSearch will use the SY 2013-14 baseline data and the SY2014-15 quarterly data to calculate increases in School Breakfast Program participation among free- and reduced-price (FR) students in your school. We will use standard methodology to control for changes in enrollment or changes due to unexpected school closures such as snow days. Based on a calculated increase in School Breakfast Program participation among FR students in your school, your school will receive \$0.25 per additional meal served.
- A check for the quarterly total will be issued to your school by Second Harvest Heartland, Hunger-Free Minnesota's fiscal sponsor. Hunger-Free Minnesota is a co-sponsor of the School Breakfast Initiative.
- School year 2014-2015 incentive payments will not exceed \$6,250, which is the \$0.25 incentive for 25,000 additional meals.

Grantee Evaluation Requirements

- Compliance with Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) reporting requirements for the School Breakfast Program.
- Adherence to accepted financial and record-keeping practices.
- Submit a *brief* overview of your activities, successes, and/or obstacles in **October 2014**. This is an opportunity to check in so we can determine how best to support your school ongoing so you can take full advantage of the incentive award. The School Breakfast Initiative will set up a web portal where you can submit this information, and a link will be emailed to you.

Questions?

Questions about the performance evaluation methods should be directed to Dr. Stacey Stockdill, EnSearch at: 763-521-7571 or ensearch1@aol.com

All other questions should be directed to Libby Stegger, Senior Manager of Statewide Programs and Partnerships at Hunger-Free Minnesota at: lstegger@hungerfreemn.org or 651-282-0838.