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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

TOPIC: ARRA Equipment Assistance Grants for School Food Authorities

SUBMITTED BY: Adalberto Ramirez **OF:** Director of Food Service

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: July 22, 2009

Informational Item:

The Food Service Department in conjunction with Dr. Edith Landeck from the Grants Department applied for funding for equipment assistance.

The Texas Department of Agriculture through the School Food Authority has selected the following schools to receive funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 equipment assistance:

Schools	Amount
Clark Elementary	\$53,557
Salinas Elementary	\$52,610
Perez Elementary	\$61,918
Finley Elementary	\$59,138
Ruiz Elementary	\$32,118
Prada Elementary	\$ 5,580
Total	\$265,521



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adalberto Ramirez
Director of Food Service

TO: Mr. Eddie Zuñiga
Associate Superintendent
United ISD
FROM: Adalberto Ramirez
Director of Food Service
SUBJECT: ARRA EQUIPMENT GRANT DOCUMENTS
DATE: May 16, 2009

Enclosed you will find the official ARRA Equipment Grant Documents which I received today.

I will proceed to fill in and submit Form 74-176 Vendor Direct Deposit Authorization.

I am sending copies to the listed individuals for their information.

Please contact me if you have any questions

Xc: Laida Benavides
Sam Flores
Cordy Flores-Jackson
Edie Landeck

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TODD STAPLES
COMMISSIONER

June 9, 2009

Mr. Adalberto Ramirez, Food Service Director
United ISD (240903)
201 LINDENWOOD DRIVE
Laredo, Texas 78045-2499

RE: Equipment Assistance Grants for School Food Authorities

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is pleased to inform you that your School Food Authority (SFA) has been selected to receive funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The ARRA provides a one-time appropriation of \$100 million for equipment assistance to SFAs nationwide participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Texas SFAs share an allocation of \$11.5 million.

The attached "Award List" file specifies the campus(es) approved for equipment purchases as well as the equipment description, unit cost, and number of units of each type allowed.

All equipment purchased under this grant must meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) definition of *allowable equipment*, which is "articles of nonexpendable, tangible personal property with a useful life of more than one year and a per unit acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more." Items not described in this approval letter and items that fall short of USDA's definition of allowable equipment – whether in purpose or cost – will not be funded via this grant. SFAs are required to follow all Federal, State and Local procurement laws when purchasing equipment under these grants.

Before an SFA can receive ARRA funds, we must have a completed Form 74-176 "Vendor Direct Deposit Authorization" on file for that SFA. The form is enclosed for your convenience. Please print carefully and legibly to ensure timely and efficient processing by TDA, the Texas Comptroller's Office and your financial institution.



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Return the signed original Form 74-176 to

Attn: Business Operations/ARRA
Texas Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Division
P.O. Box 12847
Austin, TX 78711-2847

TDA will release payment for the equipment described upon receipt of the invoice from the SFA. To request a payment from these funds, submit a copy of the enclosed ARRA Claim Cover Sheet and a copy of the original invoice to the TDA Food and Nutrition Division (FND). The equipment description and location on the Claim Cover Sheet should match the information you submitted on the grant application. That information is provided on the attached "Award List."

As stated in USDA's memo SP 18-2009 introducing this grant, "While the primary effect of the NSLP equipment assistance grants authorized by the ARRA will be to improve the infrastructure in the NSLP, it is important to note that the authority for the grants was provided in the context of the overall effort to stimulate activity within the American economy." Your SFA is expected to complete its equipment purchase(s) according to the timeframe you provided in your ARRA Equipment Assistance Grant Application. Funds not expended according to expected timelines could be subject to reallocation to other Texas SFAs.

Equipment purchased with this grant will be verified during your SFA's Coordinated Review Effort. Any noncompliance may result in your SFA refunding TDA for disallowed purchases.

This grant allows schools to provide Texas schoolchildren better service and healthier meals. Please do not hesitate to contact our office at (888) TEX-KIDS with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for all you do on behalf of your students and community. We appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely yours,



Angela Olige
Assistant Commissioner for Food and Nutrition
Texas Department of Agriculture

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grants
UNITED ISD Award
Texas Department of Agriculture
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Facility Name	Equipment	Unit Cost	Quantity
Clark El	Pass-Through Refrigerator (2 door)	\$11,481	1
Clark El	Combi. Walk-in Freezer/Refrigerator (20' X 8' 5")	\$32,000	1
Clark El	Pass-Through Warmer (2door)	\$10,076	1
Finley El	Combi. Walk-in Freezer/Refrig. (13'4" X 15' 4")	\$32,000	1
Finley El	Convection Oven (Double Stacked)	\$5,580	1
Finley El	Pass-Through Refrigerator (2 door)	\$11,482	1
Finley El	Pass-Through Warmer (2 door)	\$10,076	1
Perez El	Combi. Walk-in Freezer/Refig. (13'8"X 14')	\$31,000	1
Perez El	Steam Kettle (40 Gal.)	\$9,360	1
Perez El	Pass-Through Refrigerator (2 door)	\$11,482	1
Perez El	Pass-Through Warmer (2 door)	\$10,076	1
Prada El	Convection Oven (Double Stacked)	\$5,580	1
Ruiz El	Convection Oven (Double Stack)	\$5,580	2
Ruiz El	Pass-Through Refrigerator (2 door)	\$11,482	1
Ruiz El	Pass-Through Warmer (2 door)	\$10,076	1
Salinas El	Combi. Walk-in Freezer/Frig. (14'4" X 12')	\$31,000	1
Salinas El	Convection Oven (Double Stack)	\$5,580	2
Salinas El	Braising Pan (40 Gal.)	\$10,450	1