

Provided is an equipment grant opportunity (Fuel Up to Play 60 School Nutrition Equipment Grants) sponsored by the Midwest Dairy Council and available to ALL schools. This is a separate grant opportunity from the USDA, National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants, with priority given to the highest percentage of free and reduced. Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, will soon be announcing the grant opportunity for the FY 2016 USDA, NSLP Equipment Assistance Grants. Currently, the Fuel Up to Play 60 School Nutrition Equipment Grants are available up to \$5,000 per school.

## **New Fuel Up to Play 60/USDA School Nutrition Equipment Grants**

Midwest Dairy Council is excited to share that USDA is partnering with Fuel Up to Play 60 ([FuelUpToPlay60.com](http://FuelUpToPlay60.com)) through a commitment of \$30 million in nutrition-equipment grants that will combine with a \$5 million commitment from America's dairy farmers to improve nutrition at school. These dollars will be instrumental in helping schools achieve their wellness goals particularly around serving nutritious meals that students want to eat. This new Fuel Up to Play 60 initiative is offering School Nutrition Equipment Grants of up to \$5,000 per school. The purpose of these grants is to assist School Nutrition Directors in the purchase of equipment that will enhance the long term implementation of their school breakfast and lunch programs. Funding will support the purchase of new equipment and/or the renovation/replacement of existing equipment. Equipment may include large and small items such as breakfast in the classroom equipment, smoothie blenders, utility carts, utensils, coolers, freezers, etc. Schools may apply individually, or districts may apply for multiple schools within their district. Visit <http://bit.ly/1oy1amK> to find more information on the grant and a link to the online application.

### **Fuel Up to Play 60 School Nutrition Equipment Grant Highlights**

- Grants are competitive
- Grants are open to all schools participating in the National School Lunch Program
- Grants are available up to \$5,000 and can be requested in multiple items
- Grants do not require minimum free & reduced requirement
- Grants will be submitted to National Dairy Council for review process
- Grantees must agree to guidelines and terms of application

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