

FY 2026 Child Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant



October 13, 2026

Welcome to the Louisiana Department of Education's presentation on the Fiscal Year 2026 Child Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant.

Overview

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced the availability of \$20 million to provide grants on a competitive basis to state agencies for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grants, as authorized under the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 ([PL 119-4](#)), and the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026 ([PL 119-37](#)).

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The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4) has provided \$20 million to State agencies to competitively award Equipment Assistance Grants to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

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2026 Child Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant

Purpose

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Funding Goals

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The funding goals of the 2026 Child Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grant is to improve the ability of SFAs to provide healthier meals, support scratch cooking, improve food safety, store fresh food, upgrade equipment, and help support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the school breakfast program.

Definition of “Equipment”

- Regulations at 2 CFR Part 200.33 define **equipment** as tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a per unit acquisition cost of which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes, or **\$5,000**.
- For the FY 2026 Child Nutrition Equipment Assistance Grants, Congress has specified that the threshold for the purchase of equipment valued at greater than \$1,000.
- The State agency strongly encourages SFAs to identify equipment that will make the greatest impact on school food service operations based on the goals described in the grant. Typically, such items have a cost greater than \$5,000.



For the purpose of the 2026 Grant, equipment is defined in 2 CFR as tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition or “purchase” cost of \$5,000 or more.

Although Congress has specified that the threshold for the purchase of equipment valued at greater than \$1,000 for the 2026 NSLP Equipment Grant, the State agency strongly encourages SFAs to identify equipment that will make the greatest impact on school food service operations based on the goals described in the grant. Typically, such items have a cost greater than \$5,000.

Eligible Types of Equipment

- New equipment and replacement equipment will be eligible for award.
- Each equipment award is limited to one piece of equipment per eligible site application.
 - For example, more than one cafeteria table or mobile feeding cart would not be reimbursable for a site award.
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When thinking about equipment that you need, consider asking your school site staff about the equipment that would be the most beneficial and make the greatest impact to attract participation and improve production or service for that site.

SFA & Site Equipment Grant Eligibility Criteria

All SFAs participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) are eligible to apply for any **sites** that have **not** received an equipment grant award in the past and have a demonstrated need where a greater percentage of enrolled students qualify for free or reduced-price meals.



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When scoring grant applications for award, the State Agency must give priority to SFAs with sites demonstrating the greatest need. Sites with higher free and reduced percentages will receive the greatest priority in scoring. Responses in accordance with the goals defined in the USDA memo will increase the likelihood of award.

Sites which have received NSLP Equipment Grant Award Funding in prior years are ineligible and will not be considered for the grant.

Additional Criteria

In addition to meeting eligibility requirements for the grant, SFAs must:

- Ensure financial ability to obligate funds for equipment
- Obligate grant funds **within 6 months** of notification of the award by obtaining a purchase order or invoice



Each SFA must confirm and demonstrate the ability to obligate grant funds **within 6 months** of the notification of the award. Initial award notification will be sent by e-mail to the Superintendent and Authorized Representative, exactly as listed in the CNP Website. Please ensure that all contact information, including the e-mail address and phone number for contacts on the CNP Website reflect current and accurate information. Otherwise, you may not receive the award notification and correspondence required to meet the deadlines for payment of award funding. An important consideration when applying for the equipment grant is the financial ability of your system to obligate funds prior to reimbursement by the State Agency. An invoice or purchase order must be obtained and provided along with the other submission requirements in the Request for Reimbursement prior to payment of grant funds. This process typically takes 3 weeks or more after the date of receipt by the State Agency and will vary depending on the accuracy of the documentation submitted.

SFA Responsibilities

To receive Equipment Grant funding, the SFA must:

1. Ensure site eligibility prior to applying for grant funding. Sites identified as ineligible at any point in the grant process will be disqualified from award funding and/or may be required to pay award funding back to the State agency upon audit.
2. Complete all Procurement Activities with backup documentation kept on file at the SFAs CNP central office;
3. Obligate Funds, by obtaining an Invoice or Purchase Order, within 6 months of the notification of award; and
4. Submit an accurate and complete Request for Reimbursement (RFR) for each site / piece of equipment awarded by the obligation of funds deadline.



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To comply with the regulations and requirements outlined in the grant, please be aware that all procurement activities must be performed in accordance with 2 CFR and 7 CFR and backup documentation kept on file at the SFAs CNP office. Grant funds must be obligated within 6 months of the award notification evidenced by an official invoice or purchase order. SFAs must submit an accurate and complete **Request for Reimbursement (RFR)** for each site / piece of equipment awarded by the obligation of funds deadline. Incorrect or incomplete submission of the RFR by the deadline will result in funds being awarded to the next highest scoring site in another SFA.

SFAs are Subject to NSLP Equipment Grant Audit

Areas subject to audit will include that:

1. Awarded equipment must be located at the physical site reflected on award documentation.
2. Procurement documentation must be maintained on file, demonstrating that a competitive procedure took place in compliance with 7 CFR Part 210.21 and 2 CFR Part 200.317-326.
3. NSLP Grant Award Reimbursement Funds must have been applied to benefit the Child Nutrition Program as reimbursement for the equipment awarded, in the appropriate amount, and within the fiscal year funds were provided.



SFAs are subject to NSLP Equipment Grant audit. Audits will be held during regularly scheduled Administrative Reviews and may take place during announced or unannounced visits.

Questions that may be asked will include:

1. Is the awarded equipment located at the physical site where it was awarded?
2. Is procurement documentation maintained on file and does it demonstrate a competitive procedure in compliance with USDA regulations?
3. Were NSLP Grant Award Reimbursement Funds applied to reimburse the Child Nutrition Program for the correct amount and within the fiscal year funds were provided?

Please note that the State Agency may impose fiscal action up to the total amount of grant funding provided if an SFA cannot demonstrate proof of compliance with federal equipment grant terms and regulations.

Important Dates

- Equipment Grant Online Application Dates
 - **Opens October 14, 2026**
 - **Closes November 16, 2026**
- Notification of Awards will take place by **December 11, 2026**
 - The award notification will include the amount of the grant and detailed instructions on how to request funding.
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Online Application Due Date

Submission of the Online 2026 Equipment Grant application must be completed by **November 16, 2026**

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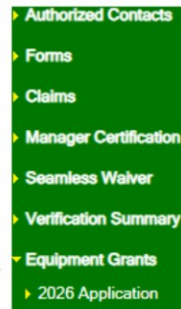
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Directions to Apply Online

Log - in to the CNP Website. On the green side bar, under the SFS tab:

1. Click on Equipment Grants
2. Click on the 2026 Application tab



To complete and submit online site applications for the equipment grant, start by logging in to the CNP Website. On the left green side bar, Click on Equipment Grants which will allow a dropdown of grant applications by year. Next, click on the 2026 Application tab.

Directions for the Grant Application Process

- Each eligible site has a series of 3 application “requests” available per eligible school/site
- Click “Create” to open the Request 1 application. SFAs will not be able to submit a Request 2 application until a Request 1 application is submitted.

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When opening the application site, only eligible sites should appear in the New Applications screen. The green bar at the top illustrates that New Applications are Currently Being Accepted. You are allowed 3 requests for each site that appears. Request 1 should be the equipment of greatest need because Request 1 will be prioritized first for award purposes across SFAs and sites.

Click “Create” to open the Request 1 application. You will not be able to submit a Request 2 application until Request 1 is successfully submitted. Note that if you start on an application and save it but have not successfully submitted the application, the corresponding site’s Request 1 will indicate “Open”, Saved not Submitted, as listed here for ZZZ Elementary School.

2026 NSLP Equipment Grant Online Application by Site

Some information will automatically populate.

For clarification by question, hover the cursor over the orange ? for instructions on completing each section.

Please save OFTEN as you work through each application Request. The “Save” button is located at the bottom of the application.

1) Sponsor ?
ZZZ Sponsor Center

2) Has the SFA received an equipment grant in the past? (Yes or No) ?
☐ Yes
☐ No

3) Site ?
ZZZ Elementary School

4) Has this Site received an equipment grant in the past? (Yes or No) ?
☐ Yes
☐ No

5) Request # ?
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After clicking “create” the online application will popup. Hover your cursor over the red question mark next to each question for instructions on completing that section. Remember to click the save button as you work through the application so that you do not lose any work completed.

The Save Function

Clicking “Save” at the bottom of the application will do two things:

- 1st it will alert you to errors; meaning incomplete or unacceptable data was entered into the application
- 2nd it will save all information, whether partial or complete as you go through the application form.



Clicking the save button will serve to alert you to errors or incomplete information in the application and it will save the information entered as you go through the application form.

Online Application Questions

Questions 1, 3, 5, and 6-8 will auto-fill from CNP Online Data.
Questions 2 and 4 must be answered

1) Sponsor	ZZZ Sponsor Center
2) Has the SFA received an equipment grant in the past? (Yes or No)	☐ Yes ☐ No
3) Site	ZZZ Elementary School
4) Has this Site received an equipment grant in the past? (Yes or No)	☐ Yes ☐ No
5) Request #	1
6) Enrollment	0
7) The percentage of Free and Reduced Eligibles at this school, taken from the October 2023 Claim, or for CEP sites, the site ISP X 1.6 taken from the Program Year 2024 Worksheet, which is based on prior school year data.	100.00%
8) The school's Average daily Lunch Participation at this school taken from October 2023 Claim for Reimbursement.	100.00%



Questions 1, 3, 5, including the sponsor's name, site name, and application request number will automatically populate into the online application. Questions 6, 7, and 8 will also automatically populate. These numbers include enrollment, the percentage free and reduced eligible students or site level ISP X 1.6 as well as the school's average daily lunch participation.

While those questions auto-fill, questions 2 and 4 must be answered. These questions are related to whether your SFA has received an equipment grant in the past or if this site received an equipment grant in the past. If your SFA received a grant in the past, but the site has not received an equipment grant in the past, that site is still eligible for the award. The question regarding whether your SFA received a grant in the past helps with tiebreak scoring. Preference will be given to those SFAs that have not received a grant in the past if more than one SFA site application is scored the same because of the applications.

Online Application Questions, cont'd

Questions 9 – 11

9) Name of equipment item to be purchased: ?
10) Name of equipment item to be replaced, age of equipment to be replaced, and inventory tag number (if applicable): ?
11) Cost of the equipment item to be purchased: ?

You cannot change your mind and request a different piece of equipment in place of what you planned and entered into this application. Please do not specify a brand.



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Question 9 is the name of the equipment item you would like to purchase for award. Please do not specify a brand.

Question 10 is the name of the equipment item that will be replaced, the age of the equipment to be replaced and inventory tag number, if applicable.

Question 11 is the cost of the equipment item to be purchased.

Please fill in answers for these 3 questions and remember that if you receive an award for this site for this piece of equipment, you cannot change your mind and request a different piece of equipment in place of what you planned and entered into this application.

Think ahead and talk to site managers before determining the optimal piece of equipment by site that you would like to apply for.

Online Application Questions, cont'd

Questions 12 and 13

12) What is the dollar amount requested from the Federal Equipment Assistance Grant to purchase the equipment item requested above? ?

13) What is the current fund balance in the School Food Service Account? ?



Question 12 ask what dollar amount is requested from this Federal Equipment Assistance Grant to purchase the equipment item.
\$15,000 is the maximum amount to be awarded.
Question 13 asks what the current fund balance is in the School Food Service Account.

Online Application Questions, cont'd

Answer Questions 14, 15, 16, and 17, read the information and click save to agree:

14) What percentage of matching funds are going to be expended by the school/school system for the equipment item requested above? 🍌

☐ 80-100%
☐ 60-79%
☐ 40-59%
☐ 20-39%
☐ 0-19%

15) What is the focus area for the purchase of equipment? (Check all that apply.) 🍌

☐ Serve Healthier Meals
☐ Support Scratch Cooking
☐ Improve Food Safety and/or Store Fresh Food
☐ Upgrade Equipment
☐ Support the establishment, maintenance, or expansion of the SBP

16) Describe the intended use of the equipment to be purchased as related the focus area (changes implemented that include healthier options to students): 🍌

Some Description

17) How quickly can the school/school system obligate the funds after receipt of notice of award from the DOE? 🍌

☒ 6 months or less
☐ More than 6 months



Question 14 requests the percentage of matching funds that are going to be expended by the school or school system for the equipment requested for award. For example, if general funds will support 50% of the cost of the equipment requested and CNP funds will cover the other 50%, you would click on 40-59%.

Question 15 allows you to choose the focus area for the purchase of equipment. You may choose one focus area, several or choose all.

Question 16 requests a description of the intended use of the equipment to be purchased, including how each focus area will be supported by the purchase of the equipment requested.

Question 17 asks how quickly the school system expects to be able to expend the funds, which should be 6 months or less for the purposes of this grant. When deciding on the equipment to purchase, please consider your timeline if purchasing this equipment requires school board approval or if it is part of a larger project that will take considerable time, or the amount of time is unknown. The goal is to complete procurement procedures and to be able to provide a purchase order or invoice for equipment to the State agency within 6 months or less, so remember to consider the scope of the project when determining what equipment to purchase to fulfill the focus of this grant.

Submitting the Online Application

- The “Submit” button is at the bottom of the page.
- Read the certification statement carefully and ensure that all application information is correct.
- By clicking submit, the applicant is agreeing to the certification. The application is then closed. Check the application list site to ensure submitted status is updated.

By submitting this online form, the institution certifies compliance with the following regulations, principals, and assurances:

2 CFR Part 25: “Universal Identifier and System for Award Management”

2 CFR Part 170: “Reporting Sub-award and Executive Compensation Information”

2 CFR Part 175: “Award Term for Trafficking in Persons”

2 CFR Part 180: “OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non- Procurement)”

2 CFR Part 200: “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”

2 CFR Part 400: USDA Implementing regulations” Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards”

Submit



Under the application is a certification statement. Please read the certification carefully and ensure that all application questions reflect accurate information prior to clicking the submit button on the bottom. After submission, the application is closed, and no edits may be performed on that application.

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Each site application must be submitted individually.

An application will not successfully submit if there are identified errors.



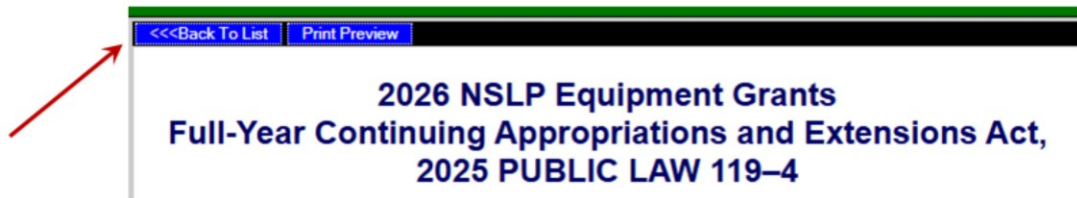
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The next slide explains how to get help correcting application errors prior to submission.

Check Application Status

To check on the status of an application “Request”, click “[back to list](#)” at the top of the online application form.



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Status: Saved not Submitted

“Saved Not Submitted” will appear under the Request #1 Column if the application information entered was saved but the application has not been successfully submitted to the state.

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A status of “Open: Saved Not Submitted” will appear under the Request #1 column if the corresponding site application information entered was saved but the application has not been successfully submitted to the state.

Status: Submitted

- In this example, Request #1 has been successfully submitted
- The Request #2 application is now available to “Create”

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In this example, Request #1 shows a message of “Open: Submitted”. This indicates that the award application period is still open and that the corresponding site application has been successfully submitted. Now that the Request #1 application for that site has been submitted, the Request #2 application is now available to “create” and submit. Continue the process for a Request #3 application.

Application Submission Closed

Starting November 17, 2026, a red line at the top of the status form will state:
“Application Submission is CLOSED”

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Requesting Reimbursement

SFA's who are awarded grant funding will receive an **email** with instructions on how to "Request Reimbursement"

The Request for Reimbursement requires an **online Request for Funding** and a **submission of a purchase order or invoice** for each awarded site/piece of equipment

Please check your online "Authorized Representative" contact information to ensure an accurate e-mail address is listed.



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Online Request for Reimbursement Steps

Step 1: Access the awarded site application initially submitted

Step 2: Under the Award Amount listed at the top of the page, click on the green “Request Funding Tab”

Back To List Print Preview

2026 NSLP Equipment Grants
Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act,
2025 PUBLIC LAW 119-4
Award Amount: \$5,500.00

Request Funding

1) Sponsor
ZZZ Sponsor (Test Sponsor)

2) Site
ZZZ Elementary School

3) Request #
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4) Enrollment



For the online request for reimbursement, follow these steps:

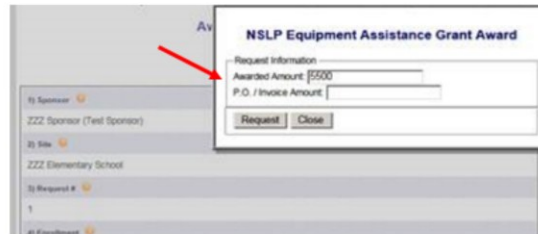
Step 1: Access the awarded site application initially submitted

Step 2: Under the Award Amount listed at the top of the page, click on the green “Request Funding Tab”

Online Request for Funding Steps, Cont'd

Step 3: The following box will pop up. Input the **actual cost** of the equipment purchased as it appears on the Purchase Order or Invoice submitted by e-mail to stacie.griffin@la.gov

****Note that the awarded amount automatically populates into the appropriate box.**



The screenshot shows a web application interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a list of items: 'To Sponsor', 'ZZZ Sponsor (Test Sponsor)', 'To Site', 'ZZZ Elementary School', 'To Request #', '1', and 'To Enrollment'. A red arrow points from the 'ZZZ Sponsor (Test Sponsor)' item to a pop-up window titled 'NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Award'. The pop-up window contains a 'Request Information' section with two input fields: 'Awarded Amount' (containing '\$500') and 'P.O. / Invoice Amount'. Below these fields are two buttons: 'Request' and 'Close'.



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Online Request for Funding Steps, Cont'd

Step 4: After entering the actual price of the equipment, which in this example is \$10,000, click the “Request” button. Next click the “Close” button.



The screenshot shows a web application interface for the "NSLP Equipment Assistance Grant Award". On the left, a sidebar lists steps: 1) Sponsor, 2) Site, 3) Request, and 4) Enrollment. The main area displays a "Request Information" form. The "Awarded Amount" field is set to 2500, and the "P.O. / Invoice Amount" field is set to \$10,000. Red arrows point to the "Request" and "Close" buttons at the bottom of the form.

Request Information	
Awarded Amount	2500
P.O. / Invoice Amount	\$10,000
Request Close	



For Step 4: After entering the actual price of the equipment, which in this example is \$10,000, click the “Request” button. Next click the “Close” button.

Online Request for Funding Steps, Cont'd

Step 5: After clicking Request, a heading like the one below will appear. The lesser amount will autofill as the eligible amount, whether it be the actual cost of the equipment entered from the invoice or purchase order or the award amount. Pending a review for accuracy, the Eligible Reimbursement Amount, which in this scenario is \$10,000, would be paid to the SFA CNP Account as reimbursement.

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Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act,
2025 PUBLIC LAW 119-4

Award Amount: \$ 10,000.00
A Purchase Order or Invoice Amount of \$10,000.00
(Received on 10/29/2025 11:01:37 AM)
Eligible Reimbursement Amount \$10,000.00

1) Sponsor
222 Sponsor Center

2) Has the SFA received an equipment grant in the past? (Yes or No)

☐ Yes
☐ No

3) Site
222 Elementary School

4) Has this Site received an equipment grant in the past? (Yes or No)

☐ Yes
☐ No

5) Request #
1

6) Conditions
0

7) The percentage of Free and Reduced Eligibles at this school, taken from the October 2025 Claim, or for CEP sites, the site CEP A & B taken from the Program Year 2025 Worksheet, which is based on prior school year data.
100.00%

8) The school's Average daily Lunch Participation at this school taken from October 2025 Claim for Reimbursement.
100.00%

9) Name of equipment item to be purchased:



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Payment of Equipment Grant Funds

- Payment is made by appropriation control after State agency review and approval of the full Request for Reimbursement Packet submission.
- Payment must be applied to the School Food Service account and is transmitted by Electronic Funds Transfer or check.
- CNP Directors should notify the business office to expect a check or EFT in the amount of reimbursement listed to post to the SFS account.
- CNP Directors should monitor the SFS account for a deposit and ensure that a note is made to designate the funds as 2026 NSLP Equipment Grant Award Funding.



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Financial Documentation

- The following notes must appear in financial documentation related to expenditures and reimbursement for the 2026 NSLP Equipment Grants:
 - **CFDA Number: 10.579**
- Maintain all equipment grant documentation on file for 3 years plus the current year. Equipment Grant Awards are subject to audit.



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The following notes must appear in financial documentation related to expenditures and reimbursement for the 2026 NSLP Equipment Grants, including the **CFDA Number: 10.579**

Maintain all equipment grant documentation on file for 3 years plus the current year. Equipment Grant Awards are subject to audit, which is discussed on the next slide.

Equipment Grant Audit

- Procurement, expenditure, reimbursement and related account documentation is subject to financial audit.
- The Administrative Review of Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) includes an audit of documentation related to the grant award and physical confirmation of the location and type of equipment awarded based on the site award list by year.
- Independent financial audit and/or CNP Administrative Review audit for Equipment Grants may include current year and/or prior year awards.



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Additional Information

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