



Summer Meals Bus Application

The Arkansas No Kid Hungry Campaign has been working to expand Summer and After-school Meals programs in Arkansas since 2010, helping partners across the state find innovative ways to overcome program barriers and feed more children. Partners have consistently reported that transportation needs and costs are among the biggest barriers to expanding the Summer and After-school Meals programs. In an effort to pilot a mobile meals strategy proven successful in other states, the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance purchased and retrofitted a surplus school bus to become a full-service mobile meals delivery system to enhance the capacity of a sponsor to serve meals to hard-to-reach kids.

The bus is now fully equipped and ready to serve nutritious meals to hungry kids, so apply now to receive the bus, valued at more than \$30,000.

The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is inviting Arkansas SFSP/SSO Sponsors to apply to receive the bus and operating funds of up to \$3,000 over two years. We are seeking proposals with a detailed plan of how this grant will be used to create or enhance a mobile meals program.

Please take advantage of this great opportunity to expand your meals program! Complete the application and mail it to:

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance
 Mobile Meals Bus Application
 1400 W. Markham, Suite 304
 Little Rock, AR 72201

OR

Scan and email to sbrown@arhungeralliance.org

Please include the following:

- Current operating budget (SFSP Sponsors can use the budget attached in their DHS application)
- Detailed budget for mobile meals program
- Mobile meals transportation schedule including departure/arrival, site addresses, distance between sites, and times of service

Applicants must:

- Have been a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Sponsor **AND** Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsor in 2014

- Have begun or completed the 2015 application to be an SFSP/SSO Sponsor
- Be subject to a verification check with DHS to confirm good standing, and lack of ‘Serious Deficiencies’ on reviews
- Agree to continue sponsoring both the SFSP/SSO program and CACFP program for 24 months
- Agree to participate in media events and allow Arkansas No Kid Hungry/Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance access to the bus for promotional events, as well as photographs of the bus and your programs for a minimum of 24 months.
- Submit written summaries (with photographs of bus in service) twice per month during the Summer Meals program period and every 3 months during the After-school Meals program.

GRANT REQUESTS ARE DUE BY MAY 1, 2015, AND FUNDS WILL BE AWARDED BY MAY 15, 2015.

Part 1: About Your Organization

Organization Name:

SFSP Agreement Number (if applicable):

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

How many years have you served as a SFSP/SSO Sponsor?

How many years have you served as a CACFP Sponsor?

How many sites did your program operate in 2014? ___ 2013?

How many additional sites do you intend to serve in 2015, through the mobile meals program?

What was your average daily participation (ADP) served in 2014?

What is your expected increase in ADP in 2015 using the mobile meals program?

Please provide some brief background information about your organization and the work that you do. Give some examples of info desired

Please describe your experience providing summer and after-school meals. (Ex: What specific instance of need in your community made you decide to become a Summer Meals or After-school Meals sponsor?)

Part 2: About Your Community

Please provide the free/reduce lunch-eligible rate of the school districts you serve.

What county/counties will be served through your program(s)?

Briefly describe the population of the area you are targeting and the barriers to accessing meals.

Part 3: Your Mobile Meals Plan

Please provide a general description of your 2015 summer program *(Include dates and hours of program, how meals will be prepared and served, activities provided, amount of staff/volunteers needed.)*

Please provide a general description of your strategy to promote your 2015 summer program. *(Include how you will use the bus as a part of your promotion and outreach; how you will let people in your community know of your mobile meals program and how they can participate.)*

Please explain how your mobile meals plan specifically addresses the barriers to participation in your program.

Please explain how you will continue to secure funding to run your mobile meals programs in future years.