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11 Idaho schools get USDA grant funds for kitchen equipment

(BOISE) - The Idaho State Department of Education has awarded \$111,967.94 in federal grant funding through its Child Nutrition Programs to help 11 schools across Idaho purchase new equipment for their National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced.

Idaho received the funding through the United States Department of Agriculture Equipment Assistance Grant. Individual grant awards funded new equipment including walk-in freezers, a salad bar and a 40-quart mixer.

The application process was competitive, with 43 School Food Authorities (SFAs) submitting grant applications totaling more than \$349,000 in equipment requests. Additional consideration was given to SFAs that had not received previous equipment grants and schools with a high percentage of students who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Other factors in the selection process included expanding meal participation, food safety, energy efficiency and improving the nutrition and quality of meals.

More information about [Child Nutrition Programs](#) and [SDE grant opportunities](#) is available on the State Department of Education website. Schools receiving 2017 grant awards include:

SFA	Site	Equipment	Grant Award
Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind	Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind	Range	\$8,006.52
Emmett School District	Black Canyon High School	Condensing Unit	\$5,000.00
Firth School District	A.W. Johnson Elementary School	Combo Walk-in Cooler/Freezer	\$22,127.50
Cottonwood School District	Prairie High School	40 Quart Mixer	\$7,709.04
Richfield School District	Richfield School	Reach-in Freezer	\$5,231.28

SFA	Site	Equipment	Grant Award
Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency	Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency	Dishwasher	\$17,050.00
Marsh Valley School District	Marsh Valley Middle School	Convection Steamer	\$7,133.00
Twin Falls School District	Harrison Elementary School	Convection Oven	\$6,744.92
Bishop Kelly High School	Bishop Kelly High School	Salad Bar	\$12,248.78
Gooding School District	Gooding High School	Walk-in Freezer	\$13,594.64
Blaine School District	Wood River Middle School	Convection Oven	\$7,122.26

Grant awards are contingent upon available USDA funds.

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