



Call for Grant Inquiries: Mayors Action Fund

The **Mayors Alliance Action Fund to End Child Hunger (Mayors Action Fund)** will fund Mayors' efforts to advance local initiatives addressing childhood hunger in their communities.

Inquiry Form Due Date: July 10, 2026

Grant Amount: Grant amounts will vary depending on each applicant's needs. The average grant amount will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Estimated Number of Awards Given: 8-10

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet these requirements to be eligible for funding:

- Must be a member of the Mayors Alliance
- Applicants' initiatives must focus on advancing Federal nutrition and anti-poverty programs, including SNAP, school meals, non-congregate summer meals, and child tax credits. Priority will be given to proposals operating the following programs:
 - **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** The largest program, providing monthly benefits on an EBT card to low-income households for purchasing groceries.
 - **Summer EBT (SUN Bucks):** Provides families with funds to buy groceries during summer, targeting children from low-income households.
 - **School Breakfast Program (SBP):** Offers free or reduced-price meals to children in school, with over 60% eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
 - **Non-congregate Summer Meals:** Implementation or expansion of non-congregate summer feeding models by providing funding to sponsors operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in rural communities.
 - **Municipal Child Tax Credit Planning:** supports planning initiatives that assess the feasibility, design, and implementation pathways for establishing a local Child Tax Credit.
 - **Economic Mobility Coaching:** supports municipal planning efforts to plan the implementation of LIFT's Economic Mobility Coaching model
- *For more information on federal nutrition programming, please visit [the No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices website](#).

If you're unsure whether you meet these qualifications, please contact **Aaron Goldstein** at agoldstein@strength.org for assistance.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds are intended to leverage Mayors' unique convening and amplification power to end childhood hunger and improve family economic mobility by increasing access to programs that enhance nutrition and economic resilience, such as school meals, non-congregate summer meals, SNAP, and child tax credits. Examples may include:

- Convening cross-sector stakeholders to develop a comprehensive Summer EBT and Summer Meals outreach and communications plan
- Serving as a convener to improve or strengthen collaboration among local school districts and community-based meal sponsors and/or sites to maximize access.
- Host or urge applicable stakeholders to establish a non-congregate summer meal site; see [rural eligibility map](#)



- Initiate a feasibility study or hold listening sessions to advance local policy initiatives aligned with family economic mobility
- Elevate and celebrate the work of local program providers with recognition awards/mini-grants
- Municipal Child Tax Credit planning to support Mayors and municipal governments in planning initiatives that assess the feasibility, design, and implementation pathways of a local Child Tax Credit
- Economic mobility coaching to support cities in assessing readiness and preparing for the potential implementation of Economic Mobility Coaching.

The inaugural Mayors Action Fund recipients were Mayors Ulises Cabrera (Moreno Valley, CA), Michael Owens (Mableton, GA), Helena Moreno (New Orleans, LA), Leonardo Williams (Durham, NC), Justin Bibb (Cleveland, OH), Charelle Parker (Philadelphia, PA), Maria Rivera (Central Falls, RI), Alyia Gaskins (Alexandria, VA), and Cavalier Johnson (Milwaukee, WI).

The funded grants focused on projects such as: hiring food access navigators to increase access to programs such as SNAP and Summer EBT, expanding access to summer meal sites, conducting summer meals and benefits access outreach and communication plans, offering mini-grants to community organizations addressing programs such as SNAP, WIC, Summer EBT, and tax-credit programs, and convening public and private stakeholders to drive economic success.

Budget requests may not include:

- Funding to eliminate or reduce student meal debt.
- Supplies and equipment needed to support food access programs not associated with federal child nutrition programs listed above, such as school gardens or farms, school pantries, and backpack programs.
- Funds are not intended for direct service delivery or cash assistance.

Please visit the No Kid Hungry website to learn more about [No Kid Hungry’s grantmaking beliefs and values](#).

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

All interested Mayors’ offices must first complete [this inquiry form](#) to express interest in this grant opportunity.

Our team will reach out if grant funding is available for your program and provide details on completing an application. Please note that completing the form does not constitute an automatic invitation to complete a No Kid Hungry grant application. The Mayors Action Fund is generously supported by Dollar Tree.

QUESTIONS? Contact Aaron Goldstein, agoldstein@strength.org

Key Dates:

Activity	Date
Inquiry Form Opens	June 8th
RFP Information Session	June 30th - 2:30pm ET Register here
Inquiry Form Closes	July 10th
Application Opens	July 22nd

Grants Portal Information Session	August 13th - 2:30pm ET Register here
Application Closes	August 21nd
Award Notifications	November 2026
Grant Period	February 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027