

GRANT FUNDING FOR SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM SPONSORS

Grant funding is available through Federal and State agencies, public corporations and various private foundations to provide enrichment opportunities to local communities throughout the US. The following agencies and funding sources are listed for Summer Food Service Sponsors to obtain funding to provide additional educational opportunities and community activities for participants.

Grant Search Website: [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

Grants.gov is your source to find and apply for federal grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community. Learn more about Grants.gov and determine if you are eligible for grant opportunities offered on this site.

- **Share Our Strength - After School and Summer Feeding Program Grants** - Share Our Strength® is a national nonprofit agency that is working towards ending childhood hunger in America. <http://www.strength.org/grants/>
Share Our Strength provides grants to local community organizations all across the country who work successfully to fight childhood hunger. Their After-School and Summer Feeding Program grants support efforts that provide more eligible kids with healthy food through these programs. Share Our Strength is especially interested in increasing participation in meal programs that utilize USDA reimbursement through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Nonprofit organizations that work to increase the number of children that receive nutritious after-school and summer meals may be eligible to apply for funds raised through Share Our Strength.
- **ALSC/BWI Summer Reading Program Grant**
The American Library Association offers the ALSC/BWI Summer Reading Program grant to members of the ALA. This grant gives \$3,000 to help implement a summer reading program at a public library. The applicant must be a member of the ALA as well as the Association for Library Services to Children. The grant committee is looking for ideas that will appeal to all children and also help those with disabilities. The committee will look for a theme and a plan to implement the program successfully in your library system. Association for Library Service to Children 50 E Huron, Chicago, IL 60611 (800) 545-2433 ext 2163 www.ala.org

- **Build-A-Bear Literacy and Education Grants**
 Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation gives literacy grants to organizations who want to run summer reading programs in addition to other educational grants. The grant amount depends on the project but can be from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The grants are not automatically renewable, and you will have a waiting period of a few years before you can apply for the grant again. These grants may be given throughout the United States and Canada and the application process for grants reopens in March 2012.
<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700012>
- **Dollar General Literacy Foundation**
 Dollar General will provide grants for summer reading programs. The grant amounts will be up to \$3,000. The program needs to be aimed for students in pre-K up to seniors in high school. Additionally, the program should have specific measures in place that will help kids who are behind on their reading skills or who have learning disabilities. In order to qualify for a grant, you must have a Dollar General store in your state. There are also several other literacy grants available through this program.
 Dollar General Corporate Office, 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
 (615) 855-4000, www.dgliteracy.com/grant-program/summer-reading-grants.aspx
- **AmeriCorps** - http://www.americorps.gov/for_organizations/funding/index.asp
 AmeriCorps provides support to nonprofits, faith-based and community organizations, and public agencies committed to meeting critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. Grantees and sponsoring organizations are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and managing members. Some grantees also may provide funding to sub-grantees. To learn which grantees may offer this kind of program support to your organization, please contact your State Service Commission; the direct link with contact info is available on the AmeriCorps webpage.
- **Multiple grant opportunities are available for CAMPS-** <http://www.acacamps.org/grants>
 Links to government and private grants and awards relevant to the camp community are listed in the order of the grant application deadline.

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