



School Cost-Share Equipment FAQs

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What schools or school districts are eligible for this program?

Any schools or school districts that are currently members of the Ohio Schools Council and are serving a majority BIPOC and/or economically disadvantaged students aiming to purchase equipment to enable their kitchens to serve more or different local foods may participate in the FOF Cost-Share Program.

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What schools or school districts are not currently eligible for this program? Will they ever be eligible for cost-share?

Any schools or school districts where 50% or less students are BIPOC and/or economically disadvantaged are not eligible at this time. We intend to expand eligibility for the program as funding allows.

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Will schools with higher percentages of BIPOC or economically disadvantaged students be given priority?

Yes, schools or school districts serving 75% or more BIPOC and/or economically disadvantaged students will be given highest priority

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What is the definition of BIPOC? How will it be used to guide the parameters of this program?

BIPOC is an acronym for Black, Indigenous and people of color.

- The Ohio School Report Cards break out student race and ethnicity as follows: American Indian/Alaskan Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; Black, Non-Hispanic; Hispanic; Multiracial; and White, Non-Hispanic.
- For the purposes of this pilot version of the cost-share program, majority BIPOC students will include any combination of races and ethnicities above except for White, Non-Hispanic.

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7 What is the definition for economically disadvantaged students?

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) defines economically disadvantaged students as a those who meets any of the following criteria: is eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; resides in a household where a member is eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; and/or is a recipient of public assistance or has a guardian who is a recipient.

- The Ohio School Report Cards provide data for percentage of economically disadvantaged students in a school or school district.
- For the purposes of this pilot version of the cost-share program, majority economically disadvantaged students will be used interchangeably with low-income students and will include any students that fall within ODEW's definition listed above.

8 How much funding is available per school? Per school district?

Individual school buildings can be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$2,000. School districts can be reimbursed a maximum of \$4,000.

9 How will FOF determine if schools are serving a majority BIPOC or economically disadvantaged students?

Verification of percentages of BIPOC and/or economically disadvantaged students in a school or school district will be confirmed by FOF through the [Ohio School Report Cards](#) data.

10 How will FOF determine if schools are purchasing local?

Verification of local purchasing for schools applying for the cost-share program will be confirmed by FOF for schools purchasing local through the Ohio Schools Council bid process.

11 What items can my school or school district purchase as a part of this program?

Any piece or pieces of equipment that will help kitchen staff process local foods to serve. Please see our approved item list here (will link once completed), or reach out to Alison Patrick at apatrick@ccbh.net to see if your desired equipment is eligible.



About Feed Our Future

Feed Our Future is dedicated to making fresh, local food accessible to ALL children, regardless of their school. We help connect schools with local food sources to improve student nutrition and well-being.

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