



**Action for Healthy Kids
School Grant Program
2020 – 2021 School Year
Frequently Asked Questions**

General Grant Questions

What type of grants are available for the 2020-2021 Action for Healthy Kids school grants program?

- Game On Grants
Funds range from \$1,000 or more to support physical activity and/or nutrition initiatives that support schools in implementing comprehensive health programming. Interested schools should submit a proposal that includes a physical activity AND/OR nutrition component (depending on the application and grant level).
- Parents for Healthy Kids Grants
Up to 100 schools with funds ranging from \$1,000 or more. These grants provide funding for parents or parent groups to lead either school-based physical activity or school-based nutrition initiatives. Interested parents, parent groups or schools should submit the corresponding application that includes either a physical activity component or a nutrition component led by a parent(s).

How do I learn more about grant requirements and instructions for completing an application?

Action for Healthy Kids encourages schools to be creative when developing their school wellness programs. Review the application instructions for each grant type to learn about requirements and details.

- [Game On \\$2,500 Grants](#)
- [Game On \\$1,000 Nutrition Grants](#)
- [Game On \\$1,000 Physical Activity Grants](#)
- [Parents for Healthy Kids Physical Activity Grants](#)
- [Parents for Healthy Kids Nutrition Grants](#)

In addition to impacting nutrition and/or physical activity, all Action for Healthy Kids grants should make a positive impact on the social emotional learning (SEL) of students, as well. Click to learn more about the connections between SEL and [nutrition](#) and [physical activity](#).

Can my school apply for more than one grant?

Yes, schools can apply for multiple grant opportunities by starting each application in the grant portal. Schools cannot, however, receive both a Parent Nutrition Grant *and* a Parent Physical Activity Grant – schools pursuing both a nutrition and physical activity initiative should instead

apply for a Game On grant. Furthermore, schools may not receive two of the same type of grant (if someone from your school has already started a grant application, you will not be able to start a second one for that particular grant type).

Can more than one person access and submit an application for a school?

No, only one user can submit an application for a school. When creating an online account on the School Portal, you will be able to affiliate yourself with individual schools. Multiple users can be affiliated with a single school, but only one person can begin an application. Please make certain you are the appropriate person to begin your school's application before starting the grant application. Action for Healthy Kids recommends that you complete a paper application first with your school health team to ensure everyone can provide input on the application. The applicant will be the primary contact and responsible for all reports for the entirety of the grant cycle.

Which schools are eligible to apply for Action for Healthy Kids school grants?

Eligible schools must be in the United States and serve grades PK-12. Unfortunately, schools that serve younger than Pre-K are not eligible.

Schools with greater than 74.5% of students eligible for free/reduced priced meals may receive priority.

Only schools in the following states are eligible to apply for the Parents for Healthy Kids grants: AL, AR, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI and WV. Schools within 20 miles of an ALDI store will receive priority.

Can organizations that partner with schools apply for the Action for Healthy Kids school grant program?

Only schools, PTO/PTA or school health teams can apply for and receive grant funds. If a partner organization is interested in working with schools to implement school wellness programs, the organization is encouraged to take the lead in submitting the grant application with the approval of school representatives. The funds will go to the school and the school can spend them according to the needs of the grant.

What are the total grant funds available for each school?

Grant funds range from \$1000 - \$5,000. Action for Healthy Kids has found that schools are able to implement successful school wellness programs utilizing various funds and resources.

Can grant funds be utilized as a stipend for staff members working with the grant?

Grant funds cannot be used for staffing or administrative costs. Grant funds of "Incentives, gifts, and awards" cannot be given to a person working with the grant. The Action for Healthy Kids school grants program is an opportunity for schools to implement a program they would like to see in their schools. Action for Healthy Kids is assisting schools with funds and resources to help them achieve their goals, meet standards and make their students and school environment healthier.

What can grant funds be used toward?

Funds can be used towards the purchase of equipment, evaluation costs (printing/copying), incentives (no more than 10% of total budget), and food for taste testing only.

How often will my school be asked to submit grant reports during the grant?

Action for Healthy Kids encourages schools to evaluate their school wellness programs throughout implementation to measure progress. Because Action for Healthy Kids owes to its funders midterm and final year reports to show progress as well, Action for Healthy Kids will ask schools to submit reports according to the following timeline:

- **June 26, 2020** – Terms & Conditions due for all grants
- **September 25, 2020** – Pre-School Health Index due for all Game On Grants; pre-School Health Survey due for all Parents for Healthy Kids Grants
- **December 11, 2020** – Midterm report and photos due for all grants
- **March 26, 2021** – Every Kid Healthy Week Event Survey due for all grants
- **May 28, 2021** – Final report and photos due for all grants; post-School Health Index due for Game On Grants; post-School Health Survey due for Parents for Healthy Kids Grants

How often are grant funds allocated throughout the 2020 – 2021 grant cycle?

Action for Healthy Kids awards grant funds in two payments, with the first installment (70% of total grant award) provided in August 2020 and the second installment (remaining 30%) provided in February 2021, after midterm reports have been received and approved. This allows Action for Healthy Kids to serve as good stewards of our funders' monies and help ensure quality impacts through these projects.

What type of support does Action for Healthy Kids provide?

Action for Healthy Kids provides ongoing support to schools to ensure success and sustainability of the various school wellness initiatives. Action for Healthy Kids support includes:

- Content-specific webinars on comprehensive health programming, such as school nutrition, physical activity in the classroom, increasing your SHI score, family engagement and more
- Expert assistance from National Staff and State Coordinators
- Virtual meetings and sharing sessions
- School Health Team trainings and resources
- Connections to local resources for additional support
- Training of key school grant team volunteers
- Assistance with evaluation measurements and sustainability plans
- Assistance with communication efforts
- Promotion of school success stories

For a snapshot of the support schools receive from Action for Healthy Kids, please [click here](#).

Project Ideas

Game On Grants:

Nutrition Initiatives:

- Funding for nutrition education, school gardens, access to free water, competitive foods/smart snacks, salad bars, smarter lunchrooms, healthy fundraising, classroom celebrations and/or classroom rewards that introduce healthy foods, healthy food taste tests and cooking classes.

Physical Activity Initiatives:

- Funding for facilities and equipment for recess, playgrounds/play-spaces, classroom energizers, physical education, intramural and/or before/after-school programs that reinforce to students the value of an active lifestyle.

Parents for Healthy Kids Grants:

Nutrition Initiatives:

- Funding for school gardens, access to free water, healthy fundraising, classroom celebrations and/or classroom rewards that introduce healthy foods, healthy food taste tests, and cooking classes.

Physical Activity Initiatives:

- Funding for facilities and equipment for recess, playgrounds/play-space refurbishing, classroom energizers, intramural and/or before/after-school programs that reinforce to students the value of an active lifestyle, and walk/bike to school initiatives.

School Portal Questions and Tips

I submitted a grant application last year, but I can't login.

- Are you a new user? You will need to register and create a user profile for the School Portal: <https://afhkschoolportal.force.com>
- Forgot your username? Your username is same as your email address identified on your profile.
- Have a login but forgot your password? Click the "forgot password" button to have a password reset link emailed to you. Note: Check your junk or clutter email in case the email is sent there.
- Didn't receive the password reset link? Email us at ContactUs@actionforhealthykids.org.

How do I complete a grant application?

Action for Healthy Kids has created an easy-to-read grant application guide, with screenshots, to help you navigate through the grant submission process. [Download the guide here.](#)

Tips for Application Submission:

- Make sure you complete the word document application prior to online submission so you can copy and paste online but won't lose your information if you run into an error.

- Make sure your internet browser is up-to-date or try a different internet browser (ex. Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome – **please avoid using Internet Explorer** to access the portal).
- Save progress frequently to avoid losing information if your system time-outs or internet goes out. The system will time out after 1 hour and all items will be lost. **SAVE OFTEN! Best practice is to save after each page before moving to the next section.**
- The error messages are automatically triggered by our system based on errors. Unfortunately, the asterisk/error you're receiving is correct meaning that something in your application is missing or outside of our range. A few tips:
 - Check the character count. Our system will block you from submitting your application if you are over the allotted characters. Please be sure you are verifying the character count and not the word count. Characters include letters, numbers and spaces.
 - Make sure to select at least one item for any multi-select question. **Hitting save and reaching an error message automatically deletes these lists so you may need to select them again.**
 - If you press save and you receive an error message, your application is not actually saved until you navigate these errors. Your application will only be saved if you are re-directed to your home page and find that the application says in progress.
 - Remember, click SUBMIT once all done. You'll receive a green banner showing that you have successfully submitted your grant.

Contact:

If you have any additional questions about our grant opportunities, please contact your [Action for Healthy Kids State Coordinator](#) or email ContactUs@actionforhealthykids.org. For technology-related requests, email ContactUs@ActionforHealthyKids.org.