



**Action for Healthy Kids
District Partnership Grant Request for Applications
2021-2022 School Year
Applications Due August 15, 2021**

Background

AFHK recognizes the uncertainty that the 2021-22 school year brings as districts and schools navigate the post-COVID learning environment. AFHK's 21-22 District Partnership Grants provide financial and in-kind support to school districts to support post-COVID social-emotional health, nutrition and physical activity needs by bringing districts, schools and families together to address critical student needs.

While this application is for the 21-22 school year, AFHK seeks to fund districts that are interested in working with AFHK beyond the 2021-2022 school year as part of its four-year district partnership grant model to address three program areas ([ConnectEd](#), [NourishEd](#) and [EnergizEd](#)). Only districts interested in a long-term partnership with AFHK through the 2025-2026 school year should apply. AFHK will ask districts to confirm their intent to work together long-term in the Memorandum of Understanding that will be signed with awarded districts.

Districts apply for a \$10,000 District Partnership Grant to work with AFHK during the 21-22 school year.

District Eligibility

School districts in which there is demonstrated need and a lack of resources will receive priority for funding. AFHK utilizes an equity index to guide grant decision making, which includes metrics related to poverty, race, population density, student disabilities and per pupil expenditures, to acknowledge characteristics that may result in health and educational disparities.

School districts located in the following states are eligible to apply: CA, CO, FL, IL, NC, NY, PA, TN, TX, as well as members of AFHK's National School District Wellness Coalition.

School districts located in or near the following cities may receive priority: Fresno, Los Angeles, South Gate and Vernon, CA | Jacksonville, Orlando and Palm Beach County, FL | Chicago, IL | Raleigh, NC | Nashville, TN | Dallas, Fort Worth, Round Rock, and Sulphur Springs, TX.

If you have questions about your district's eligibility or likelihood of funding, contact your AFHK [State/Project Coordinator](#). If unsure who your designated State or Project Coordinator is, email us at ContactUs@ActionforHealthyKids.org.

2021-22 \$10,000 District Partnership Grant

Awarded districts receive a \$10,000 stipend (to be used at the discretion of the district in support of child health and well-being). AFHK will support the district to:

- Develop, expand or maintain a District School Health Advisory Council of at least five (5) people.
- Share health and wellness-related policies with AFHK for review, analysis and recommendations for improvement.

- Participate in/Promote three (3) learning sessions during the 21-22 school year focused on grant deliverables and family-school partnerships.
- Work with AFHK to identify schools that have a need for in-depth support to facilitate sustainable family-school partnerships. AFHK will hire and train a Family Connector in each partner district, who will work with up to 5 schools to provide this additional support through:
 - Learning sessions
 - Ongoing coaching for parents/caregivers and school staff
 - A \$1,000 project stipend for each partner school to support parents/caregivers and school staff in designing and implementing a project that strengthens family-school collaboration and improves child health and well-being. (\$5,000 total additional funding).
 - [Learn more about the Family Connector role.](#)
- Support other post-COVID health and wellness related needs as identified by the district. AFHK will provide a menu of optional programs and services from which awarded districts can select to support these identified needs.
- Support grant evaluation protocol, to include:
 - Submit photos/videos to share successes
 - Work with AFHK to support the writing of a success story
 - At the end of the 21-22 school year, submit an application to initiate a 4-year partnership with AFHK (beginning in 22-23).

Application Instructions

This is a district grant application, so only district-level staff can start and submit an application. Applications must be submitted via AFHK's [Grant Portal](#). AFHK encourages applicants to submit applications as early as possible – they will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds are committed. Your designated AFHK [State/Project Coordinator](#) is available to help you navigate the application process. If unsure who your designated State or Project Coordinator is, email us at ContactUs@ActionforHealthyKids.org.

**Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all funds are committed,
with a final deadline of August 15, 2021.**