



Indiana Department of Education

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USDA Relief Funds for CACFP Operators

The Indiana Department of Education will distribute additional CACFP funding from USDA Food and Nutrition Service made possible by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Title VII, Chapter 3. The funding will be distributed as additional CACFP reimbursement to program operators that are eligible.

Eligibility

Homes and centers that participate in CACFP and had a decrease in CACFP reimbursement during the months of March through June 2020 will receive additional funds based on a USDA claim comparison calculation.

Timeline

One payment will be paid out in the summer of 2021. The Indiana Department of Education submitted a plan to USDA and is awaiting approval before calculating and distributing funds.

Use of Funds

Funds must be used for CACFP allowable costs to support food service operations. The funds must be maintained in the nonprofit food service account for CACFP use along with supporting documentation and tracking processes required for all CACFP reimbursement.

Payment Distribution

Funds will be sent through the same means as regular CACFP reimbursement but may be received as a separate payment. There is not an application process - payments will be calculated by the Indiana Department of Education and disbursed automatically to all organizations that are eligible.

The Indiana Department of Education will provide additional information before payments are disbursed.

The USDA emergency cost funding policy and information can be [found here](#).