



## **Funding for Afterschool Snacks, Suppers and Summer Meals at Your Boys & Girls Club**

Your Boys & Girls Club may be eligible to participate in two federal nutrition programs, the CACFP Afterschool Snack Program and the Summer Food Service Program Summer, which provide your Club with funding to serve nutritious snacks and meals.

Using the federal nutrition programs to cover your food costs can help make your Club more financially stable and the reimbursements really add up. For example, a year-round program serving breakfast and lunch during the summer and a snack and supper after school could receive up to \$723 per child per year. If 50 children attend your Club, you could receive \$36,150 a year.

Serving snacks and meals helps children receive the proper nutrition they need to learn, play and grow. Serving food can also help attract more children to your Club and ensure that every child is able to fully benefit from the enrichment activities you offer.

The programs are designed to serve low-income children. Your state child nutrition agency can help you determine whether your program qualifies, give you an application and tell you when the next training session will take place.

Funding for the snacks and meals comes from the federal government and is distributed by your state agency. Both the Afterschool Snack Program and the Summer Food Service Program are entitlement programs, which means there is no limit to how many children can participate. As your Club serves more snacks and meals to eligible children, it will receive more funding to cover the cost of food.

The Afterschool Snack and Summer Food Service Program can help your Club prevent childhood hunger, promote good nutrition, curb obesity, free up money for additional programming, and help parents stretch their food dollars.

To learn more about how to incorporate the child nutrition programs into your Boys & Girls Club, review the materials included in this online toolkit, visit FRAC's Afterschool Resource Center located at [www.frac.org](http://www.frac.org) or contact Alexis Bylander ([abylander@frac.org](mailto:abylander@frac.org)) or Crystal FitzSimons ([cfitzsimons@frac.org](mailto:cfitzsimons@frac.org)) at 202-986-2200.

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