

Important Talking Points

Money

- Applying for CACFP funding means you will free up money for your shelter's other important activities and services.
- Reimbursements can mean up to \$6.66 per child per day. (Serving breakfast, lunch, and supper plus the 18.75 cent supplement for lunch and supper)
- Feeding all three meals to 20 children a day could mean over \$48,000 in money reimbursed!
- Reimbursements break down to:
 - \$1.35 for Breakfast,
 - \$2.47 for Lunch and Supper,
 - \$0.68 for Snacks, and
 - an additional 18.75 cents per Lunch/Supper for a "cash-in-lieu" commodities supplement
- Shelters can be reimbursed for up to three meals or two meals and a snack each day.

Paperwork

- Star of Hope Mission in Houston finds the food program easy to use. They said the \$160,000 in reimbursements they received last year really helped them to keep the children well-fed. You can give them a call if you are interested in how it works for them. They said they would be happy to talk to other shelters. Please contact Fount Freeman, Vice President of Finance 713-748-0700 Ext 238 or Joycelyn Carter, Compliance Manager, 713-748-0700 Ext 234. They represent a model program that uses staff at every level to minimize paperwork
- The USDA recently issued a memo ensuring minimum paperwork for shelters applying for funding.

Next Steps

- The State of Texas wants to help shelters in Houston participate in the food program. Gayle Butler, who administers the food program in Houston, would like to hear from you and is very willing to answer your questions about the program. She is located right here in Houston and can be reached at (713) 696-3635.