

ARRA National School Lunch Program Food Service Equipment Grant

Funding Amount: \$785,878

Amount Spent: \$785,878

Project Description:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provided a one-time appropriation for equipment assistance to School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The funds were awarded through a competitive grant award application administered by the Connecticut State Department of Education. Each SFA participating in the NSLP was eligible to submit an application to receive an equipment assistance grant. Priority was given to SFAs for equipment for schools in which at least 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced priced meals.

In addition to serving the state's neediest children, each applicant had to demonstrate how the grant funds would impact at least one of the following focus areas:

1. Improvement of food quality
2. Improvement of energy efficiency
3. Improvement of food safety
4. Potential for increased participation in the NSLP

The grants were awarded in early June 2009 and funds were awarded to 59 schools throughout Connecticut.

The photos above show equipment which was purchased with the ARRA funds in Putnam and Bridgeport.



Equipment Purchased with ARRA Funds:

- 10 Convection Ovens
- 9 Reach-In Refrigerators
- 8 Reach-In Freezers
- 1 Refrigerator Freezer
- 1 Interchangeable Heat Seal Machine
- 6 Ranges
- 3 Walk-In Freezers
- 2 Walk-In Refrigerator-Freezers
- 1 Overwrap Machine
- 3 Meal Vending Machines
- 1 Serving Line
- 7 Hot Cabinets
- 1 Hot Service Counter
- 8 Point-of-Sale Components
- 4 Steamers
- 2 Cold Service Counters
- 2 Roll-In Refrigerators
- 1 Truck Lift Gate
- 2 Pass-Thru Refrigerators
- 2 Hand Sinks
- 1 Replacement Walk-In Freezer Door
- 2 Steam Kettles
- 2 Combination Ovens
- 4 Dish Machines
- 1 Tilting Skillet with floor trough
- 3 Milk Coolers