



Department of  
Job and Family Services

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Douglas E. Lumpkin, Director

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Dear Potential Applicant:

This letter is to announce the release of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) R-1011-21-8033, on behalf of the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (GOFBCI) for the Feed Ohio Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Support Project. The purpose of this RFGA is to obtain qualified Ohio organizations to reduce childhood hunger and increase the number of youth engaged in summer learning and enrichment programs in Ohio.

Multiple grant awards will be made to eligible organizations who meet the requirements of this RFGA for the program herein referred to as "Feed Ohio." **Only organizations that were approved SFSP sponsors in 2009 and in good standing with ODE may apply.** These eligible organizations include faith-based organizations, community organizations, school districts, recreation centers and other organizations that were also approved SFSP sponsors during the summer of 2009. Feed Ohio grants will enable approved 2009 Ohio Department of Education (ODE) SFSP sponsors to establish new sites and strengthen infrastructure and programming at existing sites in communities throughout the state during the summer of 2010.

Grantees will be required to develop and implement enrichment programs focused on academic, social, decision-making and leadership skills development before, during or after the SFSP meals at new and existing sites included in their proposals. Applicants must identify at least one new SFSP site (at a location where a site has not previously existed), in order to be eligible for this funding opportunity. In addition to the required new site, grantees may also request grant funds to support programming or strengthen the infrastructure at existing SFSP sites.

If you are interested in submitting an application for this important project, please obtain the RFGA through the ODJFS web site at <http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/rfp/>. If you do not have Internet access to this document or experience problems opening this ODJFS URL, please contact the ODJFS RFP Unit at (614) 728-5693.

Responses must be prepared and submitted in strict accordance with the requirements and time frames given in the RFGA. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Signature on File

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