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Program Background

Across the country, among our many programs, 9/11 Day organizes large meal packing events to help address the issue of food insecurity. On 9/11/23, we staged 19 projects, which mobilized 20,000 volunteers and generated seven million meals for Americans at risk of hunger.

In 2023, for the first time, 9/11 Day and AmeriCorps partnered to bring meal packs to college campuses, providing students with an opportunity to give back to those in need during the month of September. Campus service events focus on packing healthy non-perishable meals for people who are at risk of hunger, both on campus and in grantee schools' local communities, while helping build awareness of the 9/11 Day of Service.

This past September, more than 3,300 students on 11 college campuses packed 820,000 meals for their local communities. We hope to expand the college program to pack more than 1.5 million meals in 2024.

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Program Details

College and university student organizations or administrations may apply to participate in this grant program. Applicants select what size event they'd like to stage - a minimum of 50,000 (125+ volunteers packing for 90-120 minutes) and up to 100,000 meals (250+ volunteers packing about 90 -120 minutes). Under the grant program, 50% of the costs of the meals they plan to pack will be paid for through grant dollars. This amount is equivalent to \$10,000 to \$20,000 depending on the project size. The grantee is then asked to raise funds to "match" that amount. Grantees also each receive \$1,000 to promote their events.

Grantee schools receive all equipment and meal ingredients, event planning tools/guidebook, support hotline and fundraising support. Each school selects and coordinates with their own individual distribution partner, or partners, which can be local food banks, on-campus pantries, local non profits, churches, or other similar organizations. Events do not have to occur on 9/11 itself, though we do prefer that they be scheduled shortly before or after the Day of Service, during the month of September.

Application Process

To be considered for a grant under this program, an official administrator or faculty representative of your school or student organization will need to complete an online application. Here is the link: [Application Link](#). **The deadline to submit an application is December 15, 2023.** Winners will be notified no later than January 26, 2024. Applicants will need to demonstrate an ability to organize a project of this nature, with the capacity to raise the matching funds required.

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About 9/11 Day

9/11 Day is the nonprofit organization responsible for establishing September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under federal law. Our mission is to encourage Americans to join together in unity and service in tribute to those lost and injured in the 9/11 attacks, along with the many others who rose in service in response to the tragedy. Each year, more than 30 million Americans observe the Day of Service (also known as "9/11 Day") through acts of service and good deeds, making it the nation's largest annual day of service.

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