

**BOARD REPORT**

NO. 26-087

DATE May 07, 2026

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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM 2025-2026 – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

B. Aguirre	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
B. Jones	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
C. Stoneham	<u>C.S</u>	N. Williams	_____

  
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 General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the submission of a Summer Food Service Program 2025-2026 (SFSP) grant application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) Summer Lunch Program in the approximate amount of \$856,000.00, subject to Mayor and City Council approval;
2. Direct RAP staff to transmit the grant application to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive the SFSP grant award, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$856,000.00 from the CDE for RAP’s Summer Lunch Program, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP’s General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of the SFSP grant funds, subject to approval of such documents as may be necessary by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners;
5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account within “Recreation and Parks Grant” Fund 205 to accept the SFSP grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$856,000.00 for RAP’s Summer Lunch Program; and,
6. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to make any technical corrections, as may be

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necessary, to effectuate the intent of this Report.

### SUMMARY

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded program administered by the California Department of Education (CDE) that reimburses agencies for providing nutritious meals to children 18 years of age and younger. RAP submits an annual application to the CDE for its Summer Lunch Program. The application for the program is due on May 12, 2026.

RAP has participated in the SFSP since 1975. The program provides free lunches at approximately 100 RAP facilities during the summer months when the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools are not in session. All sites are “drop-in” locations where meals are available to all children in the area. A list of sites is herein included as Attachment 1. Children do not need to apply, meet eligibility requirements, sign up or sign in. The lunches are nutritious and well-balanced meals that must meet Federal meal pattern requirements.

The 2026 SFSP reimbursement rate is \$5.51 per lunch. An increase in the rate of reimbursement is determined by the United States Department of Agriculture each January. Reimbursements are calculated based on the number of “first” meals (meals served that do not include leftovers or second servings to the same children) with an allowance for second servings to be claimed. During the 2025 summer season, RAP served 116,678 lunches at 97 parks and was reimbursed \$620,143.58, based on the 2025 reimbursement rate of \$5.31 per meal.

LAUSD’s Food Service Division has provided healthy lunches for the Summer Lunch Program since the summer of 2014 and will be the provider for 2026. LAUSD has agreed to a price of \$5.36 per lunch for summer 2026. The Summer Lunch Program is set to operate June 12, 2026 to July 31, 2026.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Projected expenses for the Summer Lunch Program for 2026 are approximately \$950,000.00, which includes the cost of lunches, program monitors, and other program costs. The anticipated reimbursement is \$856,000.00. RAP will complement the grant in the amount of approximately \$94,000.00.

This Report was prepared by Daniel Gutierrez, Senior Recreation Director, Recreation Service Branch, Metro Region.

### LIST OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

- 1) 2026 List of potential Summer Lunch Program Sites
- 2) Good Food Purchasing Program
- 3) Food Service Program Standard Food Service Agreement 2026

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**FOOD SERVICE SITES/ ADDRESSES/ PHONE NUMBERS/ SERVING TIMES**

**SUMMER SERVICE DATES: JUNE 12, 2026 - JULY 31, 2026 ATTACHMENT A**

NO.	SITE NAME	SITE ADDRESS	ZIP	CD	TELEPHONE	LUNCH TIME
1	109th Street Recreation Center	1464 E. 109th Street	90059	15	(323) 566-4561	11:45 am - 12:30 pm
2	Algin Sutton Recreation Center	8800 S. Hoover Street	90044	8	(323) 753-5808	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
3	Alpine Recreation Center	817 Yale Street	90012	1	(213) 485-5448	12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
4	Andres & Maria Cardenas Rec Center	14740 Blythe Street	91402	6	(818) 781-3952	12:10 pm - 12:40 pm
5	Baldwin Hills Recreation Center	5401 Highlight Place	90016	10	(323) 934-0746	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
6	Banning Recreation Center	1331 Eubank Street	90744	15	(310) 548-7776	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
7	Bellevue Recreation Center	826 Lucile Avenue	90026	13	(323) 664-2468	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
8	Boyle Heights Sports Center	933 S. Mott Street	90023	14	(323) 264-5136	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
9	Branford Recreation Center	13306 Branford Street	91331	6	(818) 893-4923	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
10	Carlin G. Smith Recreation Center	511 W. Ave 46	90065	1	(323) 225-4960	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
11	Central Park Recreation Center	1357 E. 22nd Street	90011	9	(213) 485-4435	11:45 am - 12:15 pm
12	Chevy Chase Recreation Center	4165 Chevy Chase Drive	90039	13	(818) 550-1453	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
13	Culver-Slauson Recreation Center	5072 S. Slauson Avenue	90230	11	(310) 391-5451	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
14	Cypress Recreation Center	2630 Pepper Avenue	90065	1	(213) 485-5384	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
15	David M. Gonzales Recreation Center	10943 Herrick Avenue	91331	7	(818) 899-1950	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
16	Delano Recreation Center	15100 Erwin Street	91411	6	(818) 756-8529	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
17	Denker Recreation Center	1550 W. 35th Place	90018	8	(323) 733-8367	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
18	Downey Recreation Center	1772 North Spring Street	90031	1	(323) 225-7100	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
19	Echo Recreation Center	1632 Bellevue Ave	90026	13	(213) 250-3578	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
20	El Sereno Recreation Center	4721 Klamath Street	90032	14	(323) 225-3517	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
21	Elysian Valley Recreation Center	1811 Ripple Street	90039	13	(323) 666-5058	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
22	Evergreen Recreation Center	2844 E. 2nd Street	90033	14	(323) 262-0397	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
23	EXPO Center	3980 Bill Robertson Lane	90037	9	(213) 763-0116	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
24	Fernangeles Recreation Center	8851 Laurel Canyon Boulevard	91352	6	(818) 767-4171	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
25	Fred Roberts Recreation Center	4700 S. Honduras Street	90011	9	(323) 234-8650	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
26	Garcia Recreation Center	1016 S. Fresno Street	90023	14	(323) 265-4755	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
27	Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center	429 E. 42nd Place	90011	9	(323) 846-7584	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
28	Glassell Park Recreation Center	3650 Verdugo Road	90065	1	(323) 257-1863	11:45 am - 12:15 pm
29	Green Meadows Recreation Center	431 E. 89th Street	90003	9	(323) 565-4242	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
30	Harbor City Recreation Center	24901 Frampton Avenue	90710	15	(310) 548-7729	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
31	Hazard Park Recreation Center	2230 Norfolk Street	90033	14	(213) 485-6839	11:15 am - 12:00 pm
32	Highland Park Recreation Center	6150 Piedmont Avenue	90042	1	(213) 847-4875	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
33	Hollenbeck Recreation Center	415 S. Louis Street	90033	14	(323) 261-0113	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
34	Hollywood Recreation Center	1122 Cole Avenue	90038	13	(323) 467-6847	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
35	Hoover Recreation Center	1010 W. 25th Street	90007	8	(213) 749-8896	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
36	Hubert Humphrey Recreation Center	12560 Fillmore Street	91331	7	(818) 896-6215	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
37	Jackie Tatum/Harvard Recreation Center	1535 W. 62nd Street	90047	8	(323) 778-2579	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
38	Jim Gilliam Recreation Center	4000 S. La Brea Avenue	90008	10	(323) 291-5928	12:00 am - 12:45 pm
39	Lafayette Multipurpose Community Center	625 S. Lafayette Park Place	90057	10	(213) 384-0562	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
40	Lake Street Recreation Center	227 North Lake Street	90026	13	(213) 207-2196	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
41	Lake View Terrace Recreation Center	11075 Foothill Blvd	91342	7	(818) 899-8087	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
42	Lanark Recreation Center	21816 Lanark Street	91304	3	(818) 883-1503	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
43	Lemon Grove Recreation Center	4959 Lemon Grove Avenue	90029	13	(323) 666-4144	11:15 am - 12:00 pm
44	Lincoln Heights Recreation Center	2303 Workman Street	90031	1	(323) 225-2838	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
45	(LHYC) Lincoln Heights Youth Center	2911 North Altura Street	90031	1	(323) 226-1401	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

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46	Lincoln Park Recreation Center	3501 Valley Boulevard	90031	1	(213) 847-1726	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
47	Loren Miller Recreation Center	2717 Halldale Avenue	90018	8	(323) 734-4386	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
48	Lou Costello Recreation Center	3141 E. Olympic Boulevard	90023	14	(213) 485-9111	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
49	MacArthur Park Community Center	2229 W. 6th Street	90057	1	(213) 368-0519	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
50	MarVista Recreation Center	11430 Woodbine Ave.	90066	11	(310) 398-5982	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
51	Montecito Heights Recreation Center	4545 Homer Street	90031	1	(213) 485-5148	12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
52	Mount Carmel Recreation Center	830 W. 70th Street	90044	8	(323) 789-2756	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
53	Normandale Recreation Center	22400 S. Halldale Avenue	90501	15	(310) 328-3689	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
54	Normandie Recreation Center	1550 S. Normandie Avenue	90006	1	(323) 737-1181	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
55	North Hills Community Center	8756 N. Parthenia Pl	91343	6	(818) 895-9863	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
56	North Hollywood Rec. Center	11430 Chandler Boulevard	91601	2	(818) 763-7651	11:45 am - 12:15 pm
57	Oakwood Recreation Center	767 California Avenue	90291	11	(310) 452-7479	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
58	Panorama Recreation Center	8600 Hazeltine Avenue	91402	6	(818) 893-3401	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
59	Pan Pacific Park Recreation Center	7600 Beverly Blvd	90036	4	(323) 939-8874	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
60	Pecan Recreation Center	127 S. Pecan Street	90033	14	(323) 262-2736	11:00 am - 11:45 pm
61	Peck Park Recreation Center	560 N. Western Avenue	90732	15	(310) 548-7580	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
62	Penmar Recreation Center	1341 Lake Street	90291	11	(310) 396-8735	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
63	Poinsettia Recreation Center	7341 Willoughby Avenue	90046	5	(323) 876-5014	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
64	Queen Anne Recreation Center	1240 West Boulevard	90019	10	(323) 857-1180	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
65	Ramona Hall Community Center	4580 N. Figueroa Street	90065	1	(323) 276-3021	11:45 am - 12:15 pm
66	Rancho Cienega Sports Complex	5001 Obama Blvd	90016	10	(323) 290-3141	12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
67	Reseda Recreation Center	18411 Victory Boulevard	91335	3	(818) 881-3882	11:45 am - 12:15 pm
68	Ritchie Valens Rec. Center	10736 Laurel Canyon Boulevard	91331	7	(818) 834-5172	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
69	Rio De Los Angeles	1900 North San Fernando Road	90065	1	(323) 2763015	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
70	Robertson Recreation Center	1641 Preuss Road	90035	5	310-278-5383	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
71	Rose Hill Recreation Center	4530 Mercury Avenue	90032	14	(323) 225-0450	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
72	Rosecrans Recreation Center	840 West 149th Street	90247	15	(310) 327-3653	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
73	Ross Snyder Recreation Center	1501 E. 41st Street	90011	9	(323) 231-3964	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
74	Seoul International Park (Ardmore)	3250 San Marino Street	90006	10	(213) 383-7549	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
75	Sepulveda Recreation Center	8801 Kester Avenue	91402	6	(818) 893-3700	11:45 am - 12:15 pm
76	Shatto Recreation Center	3191 W. 4th Street	90020	4	(213) 386-8877	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
77	Slauson Recreation Center	5306 S. Compton Avenue	90011	9	(323) 233-1174	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
78	South Park Recreation Center	345 E. 51st Street	90011	9	(213) 847-6746	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
79	South Seas House Community Center	2301 West 24th Street <sup>(served at B. Potter)</sup>	90018	10	(323) 373-9483	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
80	St. Andrews Recreation Center	8701 Saint Andrews Place	90047	8	(213) 485-1751	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
81	State St Recreation Center	716 N. State Street	90033	14	(213) 847-2790	12:15 pm - 12:45 pm
82	Stonehurst Recreation Center	9901 Dronfield Street	91352	7	(818) 767-0314	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
83	Stoner Recreation Center	1835 Stoner Avenue	90025	11	(310) 479-7200	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm
84	Sun Valley Recreation Center	8133 Vineland Avenue	91352	6	(818) 767-6151	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
85	Sunland Recreation Center	8651 Foothill Boulevard	91040	7	(818) 352-5282	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
86	Sylmar Park Recreation Center	13109 Borden Avenue	91342	7	(818) 367-5656	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
87	Toberman Recreation Center	1725 S. Toberman Street	90015	1	(213) 485-6896	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
88	Trinity Recreation Center	2415 Trinity Street	90011	9	(213) 485-4195	11:15 am - 11:45am
89	Valley Plaza Recreation Center	12240 Archwood Street	91606	2	(818) 765-5885	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
90	Van Ness Recreation Center	5720 Second Avenue	90043	8	(323) 296-1559	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
91	Van Nuys Park	14301 Vanowen Street	91405	6	(818) 756-8131	11:30 am - 12:15 pm
92	Victory-Vineland Recreation Center	11117 Victory Boulevard	91606	2	(818) 985-9516	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
93	Vineyard Recreation Center	2942 Vineyard Avenue	90016	10	(323) 732-2469	11:45 am - 12:15 pm
94	Wabash Recreation Center	2765 Wabash Avenue	90033	14	(323) 262-6534	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
95	Wilmington Recreation Center	325 Neptune Avenue	90744	15	(310) 548-7645	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
96	Winnetka Recreation Center	8401 Winnetka Avenue	91306	3	(818) 756-7876	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
97	Yucca Park Community Center	6671 Yucca Street	90028	13	(323) 957-6339	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

SITES AND SERVING TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - REVISED 03-13-26



# THE PROGRAM ---

The Good Food Purchasing Program provides a metric based, flexible framework that encourages large institutions to direct their buying power toward five core values: local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare and nutrition. The Good Food Purchasing Program is the first procurement model to support these food system values in equal measure.

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## THE GOOD FOOD PURCHASING VALUES ---



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...importance of partnerships in implementing a more equitable, accountable, and transparent food system—the core principles of the Good Food Purchasing Program.

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## STRATEGIES



with community members to facilitate engagement and transparency.

- Dedicate staff time to engaging with community members (including, but not limited to, people served by meal programs, food service workers, constituents, and local food businesses) in informing values-based purchasing decisions and processes.
- Have or develop a supplier/vendor diversification plan with goals that include reporting and accountability measures. Measures should be disaggregated by demographic group, including race and gender. Plan implementation should prioritize purchases and address barriers to entry for suppliers who have experienced negative systemic social and/or economic impacts such as (but not limited to) women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and especially people of color, across all supply chains and to the greatest extent possible.
- Develop and implement comprehensive institutional policy(ies) that reflect community needs and values and prioritize transparency, racial equity, local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare, and community health and nutrition within their operations and food procurement. Ensure these institutional policies are embedded in agreements for contracted food services and that mechanisms are developed to ensure compliance and accountability through reporting and active contract management.



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that supports it. When buying power remains within a regional economy—across production, processing, manufacturing and distribution in a given region—it creates shorter, more resilient supply chains and the potential for a circular economy. In a circular economy, different sectors are mutually reinforcing.

## STRATEGIES

To strengthen equity and resilience in a local economy, institutional procurement and related strategies should:

- Prioritize local suppliers, especially small and mid-sized farms, manufacturers, and food businesses that are privately, cooperatively, or nonprofit owned and operated within a 250 mile radius.
- Prioritize suppliers that are entrepreneurs of color and community members most impacted by current and historic economic marginalization.
- Leverage institutional buying power, infrastructure, financial resources, staff time, and land in support of community members, food producers, and food workers who have experienced negative systemic social and/or economic impacts.
- Build partnerships with community members to ensure that food products and menus reflect the interests and cultures of everyone they serve.
- Identify pathways for purchasing from small and community-based suppliers for products that can't be grown or harvested within the mileage limitations, such as seafood, coffee, cocoa, and sugar.



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for meat, poultry, and seafood).

## VISION

Environmentally sustainable farms and food businesses build healthy ecosystems by improving soil health, increasing biodiversity, reducing the use of fossil fuel-based pesticides and fertilizers, and reducing the carbon and water footprint of food production—while advancing public health and worker safety. Environmentally sustainable fishing operations protect habitat, ensure wild sustainable fish stocks, support traditional and local fishing economies—while advancing public health and worker safety. The promotion of climate-friendly diets and sustainably produced foods can reduce the environmental impact of our food system and incentivize the adoption of sustainable farming, fishing, ranching, and business practices.

## STRATEGIES

1. Purchase environmentally sustainable food, from suppliers that:
  - o community health and universal rights to clean air and water;
  - o the reduction or elimination of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers;
  - o improved soil health and carbon sequestration;
  - o reduced fossil fuel energy inputs and the protection of water resources;
  - o biodiversity and ecological resilience;
  - o reduced food waste;
  - o reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and
  - o the reduction or elimination of single-use plastics and other resource-intensive packaging



# CERTIFICATIO



- Grasslands Alliance
- USDA Transitional Organic



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reprisal, for livable wages and safe and healthy working conditions. Food businesses that uphold and implement principles of workers' rights; cooperative ownership; democratic decision-making; and migrant, racial, and gender justice help to ensure that food workers can live and work with dignity.

## STRATEGIES

- Purchase food from suppliers with valued workforces
- Ensure vendors and suppliers respect workers rights and comply with labor laws through contractual requirements and enforcement

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- Union Contract
  - *e.g. Familias Unidas por la Justicia, FLOC, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, United Farm Workers, United Food and Commercial Workers, Service Employees International Union, UNITE HERE.*



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mental, and behavioral needs are met throughout their lives. This can be understood through the five domains of animal wellbeing:

1. nutrition;
2. physical environment;
3. health;
4. behavioral interaction; and
5. mental/affective state.

Farms and ranches with high animal welfare practices ensure responsible care and stewardship of farmed animals that also create positive impacts for the health of surrounding communities and ecosystems.

## STRATEGIES

- Purchase high animal welfare products
- Reduce total animal weight of animal products sourced to reduce number of animal lives per meal served

## CERTIFICATION





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## VISION

Supporting communities in shaping their food environment with culturally relevant, nourishing foods improves health and wellbeing, ensures food sovereignty, and builds resilience to withstand and recover from economic and environmental disruptions.

## STRATEGIES

Institutional procurement and related strategies focused on community health and nutrition promote healthy and resilient communities. Institutions act in partnership with their communities to improve health as they promote and expand access to nutritious food relevant to the people they serve. Institutions prioritize procuring whole or minimally processed foods, including vegetables, fruit, and whole grains; and serving plant-forward foods, which honor communities' food traditions and protect against food-related chronic disease.

*Note: Different institution types may have differing abilities to directly impact community health and institutions serve different populations that may have varying health and nutritional needs.*

## WHY PROCUREMENT

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Changing the food system means creating a system based on values. It means understanding relationships between distributors, vendors, and their suppliers and increasing transparency along the entire supply chain.

Every year, public institutions across the United States – from school districts to city governments – spend billions of dollars on food purchases. They have the opportunity to lead the movement for food system change and express their community's values while influencing supply chains.



The Standards are a scoring methodology and rating system by which the Center for Good Food Purchasing analyzes how institutional food purchasing aligns with values of the Good Food Purchasing Program. The Standards provide a framework to guide institutions, policymakers, and community-based organizations and grassroots coalitions in using public food dollars to support community values and reimagine a food system based on racial equity, transparency, and accountability. Through the Program, the Center works with institutions to establish supply chain transparency from farm to fork, evaluate how current purchasing practices align with the Good Food Purchasing Standards, assist with goal setting, measure progress, and celebrate institutional successes in shifting towards a values-based purchasing model. The Center issues a Good Food Provider verification seal to participating institutions that meet baseline requirements across the five value categories. The core components of adoption are:

Meet or exceed the baseline

Incorporate the Good

Participate

Establish supply chain



STANDARD REPORTING VERIFICATION TRANSPARENCY

Purchasing standards

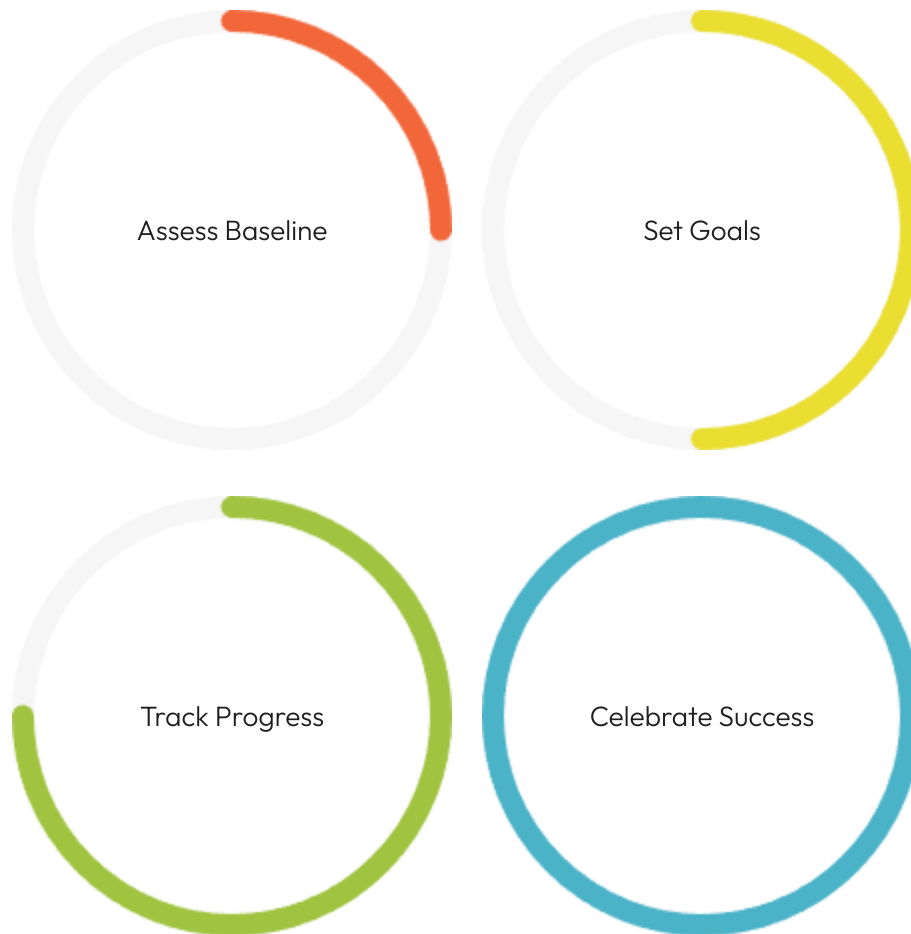
RFPs and contracts

Success

Tracked over time

IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Purchasing Policy, it works with the Center for Good Food Purchasing and local lead partner organization to implement the Good Food Purchasing Program. Implementation involves four key steps:



The Center provides resources for participating organizations at every step of the process from local coalition building to policy adoption and implementation. More details on materials available for local efforts are on our Resources page.

[SEE OUR RESOURCES](#)



The Center for Good Food Purchasing provides annual independent analysis of an institution's purchasing data and provides a verification seal with individualized, branded materials to institutions that meet baseline requirements across the five value categories.

Qualifying criteria, including third party certifications, referenced in the Good Food Purchasing Standards are carefully considered by a panel of issue area experts and reviewers. To be included, certifications are ranked according to rigor, auditing process, and alignment with the Program's vision for change.

The Good Food Purchasing Standards undergo a regular review and update process that includes extensive stakeholder outreach and input.

For a copy of the Standards, email [info@goodfoodpurchasing.org](mailto:info@goodfoodpurchasing.org).

## **PURCHASING STANDARDS 3.0 – 2023 UPDATE**

### **Key Changes:**

- Updates to performance recognition, including a switch to Good Food Leader and the addition of tiers of performance (Gold, Silver, Bronze). These changes are intended to reflect that many institutions are taking leadership in the Program and within their institutions, even before they are able to achieve the highest level of program performance. The levels of performance still require an equal weight to each of the five program values and progression over time, critical features of the Good Food Purchasing Program.
- New Equity, Accountability and Transparency requirements that encourage practices that are fundamental to a successful values-based purchasing initiative: community engagement, supplier diversification, a policy commitment, and transparency.
- Addition of targets in Local and Community-Based Economies for sourcing from People of Color and suppliers who have experienced negative systemic social

practice, including hybrid options for meeting targets in Environmental

Sustainability and Animal Welfare by both increasing purchases of qualifying items and reducing carbon/water footprint or animal product purchases.

- Strengthened guidance around Valued Workforce standards with an aim to deepen the impact of implementation on outcomes for workers (e.g. incorporation of contractual commitments for vendors around labor law compliance and sanctions for non-compliance).
- Expanded Community Health & Nutrition requirements, including the addition of a target for increasing whole and minimally processed food purchases over time.

## VERIFICATION & SCORING

Analysis is based off of the tiered, points-based system described in the Good Food Purchasing Standards. Key features of the scoring system include:

### BASELINE STANDARD

Each of the five value categories has a baseline standard. To become a Good Food Provider, an institution must meet at least the

### CERTIFICATION-BASED

Standards are based off of third party certifications that have been identified as meaningful and ranked by national

### FLEXIBLE, TIERED POINT SYSTEM

More points are awarded for achievement at higher levels in each category, allowing institutions to raise their score

### AGGREGATION OF POINTS AND STAR RATING

Points earned in each category are added together to determine overall number of points



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**SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM  
STANDARD FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT 2026**

This agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ by and between Summer Food Program SPONSOR:

**City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks**, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency," located at 221 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 and FOOD SERVICE VENDOR: **Los Angeles Unified School District on behalf of its Food Service Division located at 333 South Beaudry Ave, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**, hereinafter referred to as the "Vendor."

**Whereas**, it is not within the capability of the Agency to prepare specified meals under the Summer Food Service Program ("SFSP"); and

**Whereas**, the facilities and capabilities of the Vendor are adequate to prepare and deliver specified meals to the Agency's facilities; and

**Whereas**, the Vendor is willing to provide such services to the Agency on a cost reimbursement basis.

Therefore, both parties hereto agree as follows:

THE VENDOR AGREES TO:

1. Prepare unitized meals for delivery inclusive of milk each day, Monday through Friday, in accordance with the number of meals requested and at the cost per meal listed below to the food service sites ("Sites") identified on Attachment A, "Route List and Address List," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Breakfast	\$__ each	Lunch	\$ <b>5.36</b> each
Supplement/Snack	\$__ each	Supper	\$__ each

2. Provide the Agency, for approval, a proposed cycle menu for the operational period, at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the beginning of the period to which the menu applies. The Agency shall notify Vendor of any problems with the menu as soon as possible after menu receipt. The Vendor will not accept menu changes by the Agency within thirty (30) calendar days prior to the beginning of the period to which the proposed menu applies. If Agency fails to notify Vendor of menu problems within the timeframe herein, the menu shall be deemed approved by the Agency. The menu is subject to change by the Vendor due to food recalls, quality issues, vendor shortages, or other unforeseen circumstances. Any changes to the menu made after Agency approval must be agreed upon by the Agency, in writing, in compliance with the California Department of Education ("COE") standards and documented on the menu records.
3. Ensure that each meal provided to the Agency under this Agreement meets the minimum requirements as to the nutritional content as specified by the SFSP Meal Pattern, which is excerpted from the regulations 7 CFR Part 225.16, or an approved National School Lunch Program ("NSLP") option. NSLP vendors may use the same menu planning option they use during the school year in lieu of using the SFSP meal pattern.

4. Provide meats meeting United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") requirements. Meals delivered not meeting USDA requirements will not be paid for by the Agency. Such meals to include:
  - A. An imbalance between the number of milks and/or juices and the number of meals.
  - B. Missing components, incomplete meals, etc.
  - C. Insufficient wrapping of lunches, juices, or milk<sup>1</sup>
  - D. Damaged or spoiled components<sup>2</sup>
  - E. Components grossly short of required weight or size
  - F. Same fruit or vegetable component used to meet the USDA  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup fruit/vegetable requirement.

In the event the Agency determines that a meal does not meet USDA requirements, Agency shall immediately notify Vendor upon discovery and provide Vendor a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem and provide a meal that is reimbursable. "Reasonable" in this Section shall mean until at least 30 minutes into the meal serving time. Agency's failure to immediately notify Vendor upon discovery and provide Vendor a reasonable opportunity to correct a problem may waive Agency's option to withhold payment.

5. Maintain full and accurate records which document: 1) the menus provided to the Agency during the term of this Agreement; 2) a listing of all components of each meal; and, 3) an itemization of the quantities of each component used to prepare said meal. The Vendor agrees to provide meal preparation documentation by using yield factors for each food item as listed in the USDA Food Buying Guide when calculating and recording the quantity of food prepared for each meal.
6. Comply with the City of Los Angeles Good Food Policy meal requirements and guidelines, as may be amended from time to time, which is attached hereto as Attachment B.
7. Maintain such cost records as invoices, receipts and/or other documentation that exhibit the purchase, or availability to the Vendor, of the meal components and quantities itemized in the meal preparation records for a period of three (3) years after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain.
8. Maintain on a daily basis an accurate count of the number of meals, by meal type, prepared for and delivered to the Agency. Meal count documentation must include the number of meals requested by the Agency.
9. Allow the Agency to increase or decrease the number of meal orders, as needed, when the request is made no later than 4 pm on the previous business day.

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<sup>1</sup> For items wrapped in paper or foil, "insufficient wrapping" shall mean at least 25% of the item is exposed, based on a visual inspection. For liquid items, "insufficient wrapping" shall mean improper closure of a container that has led to spillage of the contents.

<sup>2</sup> Damage must be material. A meal may still be reimbursable if damage is purely cosmetic or otherwise minor.

10. Present to the Agency an invoice accompanied by reports on a weekly basis which itemizes the previous week's delivery. The Vendor agrees to forfeit payment for meals which are not ready within **30 minutes** into specified meal serving time, or are spoiled at the time of delivery, or do not otherwise meet the meal requirements contained in this Agreement, so long as Vendor has been provided a reasonable opportunity to correct any problems with meals as required in Section 4 of this Agreement.
11. Provide the Agency with a copy of current health certifications for the food service facility in which it prepares meals for the SFSP. The Vendor shall ensure that all health and sanitation requirements of the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law, Chapter 4 of Part 7 of Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code, as may be amended from time to time, are met at all times.
12. Operate in accordance with current SFSP and USDA regulations as related to food service vendors.
13. Prepare all meals under properly controlled temperatures and assembled not more than 24 hours prior to delivery. Field trip meals are exempt from the 24-hour restriction of this Section.
14. Deliver all meals in refrigerated trucks or insulated containers, the quality of which would maintain the food temperature between 32- and 41-degrees Fahrenheit for cold meals and 140 degrees Fahrenheit for hot meals.
15. Provide two (2) copies of delivery receipt (transport record) to each feeding site.
16. Retain all required records for a period of three (3) years after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain (or longer, if an audit is in progress). Upon request, make all accounts and records pertaining to the Agreement available to a certified public accountant hired by the Agency, representatives of the CDE, USDA, and the USDA Office of Inspector General for audits or administrative reviews at a reasonable time and place. Vendor may also disclose records if required to do so by court order, statute, or Public Records Act request.
17. Not subcontract for the total meal, with or without milk, or for the assembly of the meal.
18. Be paid by the Agency for all meals delivered by the Vendor in accordance with the Agreement regardless of the number of meals served by the Agency. Neither the CDE nor the USDA will assume liability for payment of differences between the number of meals prepared for delivery by the Vendor and the number of meals served by the Agency that are eligible for reimbursement. The Agency will assume liability for payment of differences between the number of meals prepared for delivery by the Vendor and the number of meals served by the Agency that are eligible for reimbursement.

19. RESERVED

THE AGENCY AGREES TO:

20. Request by telephone/e-mail no later than **3:00pm** the previous day, an accurate number of meals to be delivered to the Agency for the following day. Notify the Vendor of necessary increases or decreases in the number of meals ordered by **4:00pm** on the day

prior to the day upon which such increases or decreases in the meal count are to take effect. Errors in meal orders made by the Agency shall be the responsibility of the Agency. Attached as "Attachment A" is a list of routes and addresses for deliveries. Notices pursuant to this Section may be directed to the Vendor contact party identified in Section 29 of this Agreement.

21. Ensure that an Agency representative is available at each feeding site at the specified time on each specified day to receive, inspect, and sign for the requested number of meals. This individual will immediately verify the temperature of one of each potentially hazardous food item delivered and the quality, packaging and quantity of each meal delivered. The Agency assures the Vendor that this individual *will* be trained and knowledgeable in the record keeping and meal requirements of the SFSP, and with local health and safety codes, and on-site meal inspection protocols to be mutually agreed upon between Agency and Vendor.
22. Provide personnel to serve meals, clean the serving and eating area, and keep Cambros/food storage containers in a safe place for pickup by the Vendor no later than ***the following day after delivery.***
23. Notify the Vendor of any problems with the menu as soon as possible after menu receipt. The Vendor will not accept menu changes within thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the period to which the proposed menu applies. If the Agency fails to notify Vendor of menu problems within the timeframe herein, the menu shall be deemed approved by the Agency.
24. Provide the Vendor with a copy of 7 CFR Part 225.16; the SFSP Meal Pattern, Schedule B; the USDA Food Buying Guide; and all other technical assistance materials pertaining to the food service requirements of the SFSP as requested by Vendor. The Agency will, within 24 hours of receipt from the COE Nutrition Services Division, advise the Vendor of any changes in the food service requirements.
25. Pay the Vendor within forty-five (**45**) days of receipt of weekly itemized invoice. Agency agrees to notify the Vendor within 48 hours of receipt invoice of any discrepancy in the invoice. Pay the Vendor for all meals delivered in accordance with the Agreement. Neither the COE nor USDA assume liability for payment of the difference between the number of meals prepared, delivered by the Agency and the number of meals served by the Agency that are eligible for reimbursement. Agency agrees to pay for all meals delivered by Vendor, pursuant to this agreement, regardless of the number of meals served by Agency. The Agency will assume liability for payment of the difference between the number of meals prepared, delivered by the Agency, and the number of meals served by the Agency that are eligible for reimbursement.
26. Pay the Vendor a \$25.00 delivery fee per site, per day, when a site orders 19 or less regular meals for the day. The \$25.00 delivery fee does not apply when ordering field trip meals. Meals will be delivered on the day they are served and the Sites will get regular meals (meals on the menu for that day). There will be no delivery fee charged when quantity of meals ordered is 20 or more. If Sites order both field trip meals and 20 or more meals for the site on field trip day, then there will be no delivery fee, and Vendor will deliver regular meals on the day of the fieldtrip and fieldtrip meals the day prior to the fieldtrip.

27. Agency agrees to pay Vendor for lost or damaged Vendor property used in the delivery of food. The Vendor and Agency mutually agree that the following will be charged to Agency in the event of damage or loss.

**Damage/Loss Schedule**

ITEM NAME	COST PER EACH
RED INSULATED BAG	\$69.00
GELPACK	\$7.00
ICE PACKET	\$1.50
CARDBOARD	\$0.50

28. IDEMNIFICATION

Except as otherwise indicated in this Agreement, Government Code section 895.2 imposes joint civil liability upon public entities solely by reason of entities being parties to an agreement, as defined by Government Code section 895. Pursuant to Government Code section 895.4 and 895.6, the Parties shall each assume the full liability imposed upon it, or any of its officers, agents, or employees, by law for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring during the performance of this Agreement. The Parties indemnify and hold harmless each other for any loss, costs, or expenses that may be imposed upon such other party by virtue of Government Code section 895.2.

- a. In the event of third-party loss caused by negligence, wrongful act, or omission of both parties, each Party shall bear financial responsibility in proportion to its percentage fault as may be mutually agreed or judicially determined. The provisions of Civil Code section 2778 regarding interpretation of indemnity agreements are hereby incorporated.
- b. The Parties shall obtain and keep in force at their own mutual expense and for the duration of this Agreement adequate self- or independent insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from activities related to the performance and service of this Agreement such that it adequately covers their mutual obligations under this provision.

29. MISCELLANEOUS

A. TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

This Agreement will take effect commencing on **June 12, 2026**, and shall end on **July 31, 2026**. This Agreement may be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of termination. The Agency shall have the option to cancel this Agreement if the federal government withdraws funds to support the SFSP. It is further understood that in the event this Agreement is cancelled, the



VENDOR AND AGENCY:

In witness thereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the dates indicated below:

<b>VENDOR OFFICIAL (SIGNATURE)</b>	
<b>VENDOR OFFICIAL NAME (PRINT)</b>	<b>AGENCY OFFICIAL NAME (PRINT)</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>
<b>DATE</b>	

\* By signing below, the signatory attests that they have no personal, financial, beneficial, or familial interest in this Agreement.