

Hunger Free Campus Grants

Fiscal Year 2026 Request for Proposal Technical Questions

These questions have been submitted to the Office of Higher Education regarding technical questions for the Hunger Free Campus (HFC) grant program, fiscal year 2026, Request for Proposal.

The maximum ask is \$50,000; can an institution request more than \$25,000 for the second year?

An institution may not request more than \$25,000 in either year on the application.

If awarded, a grantee who does not anticipate they will spend all of the funds budgeted for Year 1, will be allowed to submit a Work Plan and Budget modification request to increase the Year 2 budget by the unspent amount.

The previous grant was either for Pathways or Sustaining designations. Is this one for both?

The HFC Designation and previous grant program statutes were repealed. Unless issued by another body, there will be no more HFC Designations issued. This is a new grant with a similar purpose. Applicants should demonstrate in their application how they would use HFC funds to support, fulfill, or sustain the following Hunger Free Campus requirements:

- Maintain an on-campus food pantry or partnership with a local food bank to provide regular, on-campus food distributions
- Provide information to students on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), and other programs that reduce food insecurity
- Notify students in work-study employment of their potential eligibility for SNAP benefits and provide information to those students about eligibility criteria and how to apply for benefits
- Hold or participate in one hunger awareness event per academic year
- Provide emergency assistance grants to students
- Establish a hunger task force that meets a minimum of three times per academic year and that includes at least two students currently enrolled at the institution

Postsecondary institutions who are applying for this grant will need to provide the total number of Pell-Eligible students. Is it for full time or part time students or does it matter?

It does not matter whether students are full time or part time Pell-eligible.

Can postsecondary institutions use EAPS funding as the match for the HFC grant?

They can use grants from other outside sources as matches. In this case, yes, the EAPS Grant can be used as a match.