

**AMERICAN RECOVERY and REINVESTMENT ACT of 2009  
FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE  
INFORMATION SHEET**

- When approved Equipment Assistance Applications will be available on line.
  - Cost must be \$5,000.00 or greater (Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents) per piece
  - Funding may include installation and transportation.
  - Funding is intended only for lunch program equipment. However other programs can benefit from it...
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- **To apply for equipment assistance the SAU must return: May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**
    - Two written price quotes for the same make/model of equipment.
    - Supplements to application form.
    - Application form
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- **Scoring will include:**
    - Improve quality of lunch meals. 15%
    - Improve safety of the NSLP. 15%
    - Improve overall energy efficiency 15%.
    - Number of students at least 50% eligible for free and reduced. 40%
    - Ability to meet reporting obligations 5%
    - General RSU/AOS data on application submitted. 5%
    - Ability to expend funds by deadline 5%
    - Maximize scoring by including as many categories as possible
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- **To receive the money after approval, the SAU must return:**
    - Signed agreement.
    - Completed claim form.
    - Paid invoice for product.
    - State Agency must receive the claim and contract by deadline date 9/3/09.
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- Total amount available is \$300,008.00. (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents)
  - Applications will be scored based on criteria indicated above
  - Scores will include agency representation and local representation.
  - Deadline date for payment: 3 months from award date.
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Web address to stay current and find materials

<http://www.state.me.us/education/sfs/ARRA-SNP.html>