

Summer Food Service Program Proposal Overview 2016

I. Proposal Summary:

The City of Hampton Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to operate the Summer Food Service Program for children at 27 sites throughout the City during the summer of 2016. The City has obtained SFSPC funds since 1969, and annually serves qualifying youth, ages 18 and younger, who attend organized summer programs that are educational, cultural and recreational. The objective of the SFSP is to ensure that during the summer, children are able to continue receiving the same high quality and nourishing meals that are provided during the school year through the National School Lunch Program. Generally, fifty percent of participating children must qualify for free or reduced priced meals under the National Summer Lunch Program.

We anticipate that more than 1,705 children will participate in the summer food service program, which represents more than 54,270 meals plus 44,735 supplements/snacks to be served. However, attendance normally drops off during the last month and during the time that year round schools reopen, so the actual number of meals served may be less than projected. Other factors may also influence the projected number of meals served and total participation for the summer. This year's program will begin on June 22 and end on September 2. The direct cost of the Summer Food Service Program meals is 100% funded by USDA. The Parks and Recreation Department supplement the grant through coordination and indirect program costs.

II. Justification of Need:

According to the City of Hampton School Service Division, for this school year about 11,669 youth qualified either for free or reduced lunches under the National School Lunch Program.

III. Coordination and Support

A total of 16 youth serving agencies/programs are involved in the application for 2016. All agencies have provided information relative to program offerings and percentages of indigent youth to be served. A series of training workshops will be conducted for sponsorship staff and all site personnel to ensure a quality meal program at each site. Programming growth will be a greater importance his year because of the increased community need.

IV. Future Impact:

SFSP is operated only during the summer months and is designed to serve youth that are eligible for the National School Lunch Program during the school year. Once the SFSP closes, the National School Lunch Program is almost ready to begin making it possible for children, who are eligible, to have free/reduced nutritional meals year round. Other agencies also take on the service to ensure food is available to youth throughout the week.