School Food Share Call for Participation

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is offering technical assistance to implement cafeteria waste prevention and food recovery within schools in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington communities and in Indian Country.

This call is for schools, school districts, food security organizations, and other parties interested in support with cafeteria waste prevention and/or participating in the School Food Share Program.

Program Information

School Food Share has been working with schools, school districts, food banks, health departments, and other dedicated regional partners since 2015. Numerous success stories exist in the pilot state of Washington, and participation is expanding to other states including Alaska, Idaho, and Oregon.

- With School Food Share support, schools can save money, time, and resources. Participating schools recovered an average of 4,000 pounds of food per year.
- Technical assistance can include: program setup assistance
 health department waivers sample posters and communications • classroom education materials • and more!

Schedule

Express your interest by submitting the accompanying form to <u>R10schoolfoodshare@epa.gov</u> by September 30th, 2019. We will then allocate support resources as widely as possible among interested, eligible partners.

- Assistance Open: April 1, 2019
- Deadline for expressing interest: September 30th, 2019
- Initial outreach from EPA: Beginning as early as July 2019

School Food Share is a simple program supporting schools and food banks to work together to collect whole and packaged cafeteria leftovers and share them within their community. This program helps schools use the food to: 1) feed their own students and 2) donate to their local food bank to fight hunger in the community.













Express Your Interest in Participating in School Food Share and Receiving Assistance

Submission Instructions:

Please complete the information below and send by email to <u>R10schoolfoodshare@epa.gov</u>. For mailin responses, send to the School Food Share Program c/o Kendra Tyler ay 1200 6th Ave, Suite 150, Mail Stop OAW 155 Seattle, WA 98101. For additional information, please call 206-553-0041.

There is no expectation that you have already begun cafeteria waste prevention and/or food recovery activities. Your response provides us a sense of where you are in the process, so EPA can tailor support.

Name:
Organization (E.g. School; District; Food bank.):
Title (E.g. Nutrition services, Principal):
How do we reach you (phone/email):
What cafeteria waste prevention and/or food recovery activities is your organization currently engaged in?
Do you already have a formal or informal "green team"? What do they focus on?
What organizations outside of yours are you partnering with, if any? (E.g. Schools, Food banks):
What are you hoping to accomplish with School Food Share support?
What data, if any, are you currently tracking? (e.g. pounds of food thrown out):

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What assistance are you interested in (check all that apply)

Setting up a food recovery program in your school or a School Food Share program

Information about sustainable food management in your local area

Food handling & safety regulations.

Health Dept. coordination related to food recovery

Tracking and Measurement

Recognition of existing efforts

Cafeteria recycling and composting

Donating food to local food banks

Setting up a Share Table

K-6 Food Waste and Recovery Lesson Plans

Cafeteria waste prevention strategies and best management practices Other: