

## **NSLP Equipment Grant – Before the Quote**

***Involve the maintenance department and principals in the process to be sure you order the correct item and the plan is approved. Once the award letter is issued, the amount will not be changed upward and the type of equipment is set.***

**Can the existing infrastructure accommodate this equipment without additional construction?**

Construction costs are not an allowable expense. Adding to the existing infrastructure is considered construction. i.e. Adding support to accommodate a more extensive exhaust system is not allowable though required by code.

**Is the existing infrastructure up to current local code regulations?**

If upgrades to wiring or plumbing will be needed to meet code restrictions updated since the original installation, have that expense included with the quote as part of the installation cost. Involve the maintenance department or a knowledgeable community partner in the process. i.e. changing an aluminum wire to copper is allowable; the upgrading of the electrical supply to accommodate a higher voltage required for new equipment is construction and not allowable. Simply, aluminum wire to copper is allowable whereas changing 120v to 220v electrical supply is not.

**Check the dimensions to ensure the item will fit!**

Measure not only the space where the appliance will be located, but also the pathway to have it installed. Ensure adequate space to fully open the door or drawer of the appliance without interference with the operation of nearby equipment. Can you easily carry items to the equipment and place them in it without interrupting other workers or hitting a wall?

**Which way should the door open?**

Make sure there is enough clearance to fully open the door without interfering with adjacent equipment, walkways or walls. The charge to change the way the door swings is allowable; moving the wall or connection is not.

**Was everything needed to make the item usable included in the order?**

The add-on items must be included as part of the unit. Shelves for the walk-in or bin for the icemaker are not an allowable cost if purchased from a different vendor because separately they do not meet the requirements of the grant.

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