The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is administering the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Emergency Operational Costs (EOC) Reimbursement Program to provide additional funding to eligible local operators whose revenue declined or was temporarily interrupted during the early months of the pandemic.

Sponsors of Day Care Homes eligible for a CACFP EOC reimbursement should expect to receive two separate payments: EOC DCH Sponsor Admin Funds and EOC DCH pass-through funds for sites. The first round of payments will be based on currently operating sites. Payment may be received as early as next week, however, due to the processing that needs to occur to release the funds, it may be early September. Payments for temporarily non-active sites are dependent on an approved assurance statement submission and will be processed at a later date.

Your payment will include a reference to EOC2021 DCH Pmt CE (ID#) in the description or reference line, depending on your accounting and banking system.

Administrative Funds

Qualifying sponsoring organizations of day care homes are eligible to receive additional reimbursements based on their administrative funds. TDA has calculated this amount based on the statutory formula. Funds should be deposited into the Nonprofit Food Service account and be used in accordance with normal program requirements including prior approval for qualifying procurements. While funds do not need to be tracked separate from other CACFP reimbursements, CEs must maintain documentation to ensure fund are used solely for allowable program costs, as you would under any other circumstance.

Payments for Sponsored Day Care Homes

The sponsoring organization is responsible for disbursing the additional reimbursements to individual day care homes under its sponsorship. TDA has calculated the payout for each DHC based on the statutory formula and has published a list on SquareMeals.org. Payment is made by TDA to the sponsor that filed the most recent claim on behalf of the DCH. No percentage of the calculations for additional CACFP meal reimbursement is to be retained by the sponsoring organization from this payment. If a site has since terminated program participation they are no longer eligible for the EOC program. Sponsors must document this occurrence and return the individual DCH passthrough funds to TDA.

Provider’s individual payment amounts are published on squaremeals.org and should be referenced to ensure disbursement amounts are correct. All payments to your providers must be documented for recordkeeping purposes.

To comply with federal reporting requirements, TDA will follow up with a survey this Fall requesting a high-level summary of your planned and eventual use of funds. Response to this survey is required.

For additional information, please visit SquareMeals.org or email EOC@TexasAgriculture.org.