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Memo: Follow up on 1/15 CACFP Testimony Requesting \$182,000 as an Incentive for the Sponsor Organizations of the Child and Adult Care Food Program

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The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is the federal child nutrition program that early childhood education programs can participate in to serve healthy, federally-reimbursed meals and snacks to their kids, similar to how the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) feeds kids in school. The program is essential to ensure that just and equitable access to developmentally appropriate nutrition is available for all children in child care and early childhood education settings, so that all young children have the tools they need to grow and learn alongside their peers.

CACFP is available to both Early Childhood Education Centers and Family Child Care Homes (FCCH), but FCCH's can only participate in the program under an agreement with an approved sponsoring organization. Currently **there are only three sponsoring organizations left in the entire state**: BROCC Community Action, Capstone Community Action and the Winston Prouty Center for Child Development. These three sponsors are currently administering the program at 181 FCCH programs across the state. **The meals served in FCCHs kept thousands of kids fed and leveraged \$1.2 million in federal meal reimbursements in '23-'24.** Please see data from the Agency of Education below, in which this number is highlighted in yellow.

As a note of clarification, I was mistaken about the challenges in gathering data about this program - the Agency of Education had already provided Hunger Free Vermont with the data seen below. The Agency of Education continues to be a strong and reliable partner in gathering data on child nutrition programs. If the committee has further questions related to federal dollars brought in through the CACFP, we would be happy to partner with the AoE to collect and organize this for you.

Thank you again for the time to testify about our request for \$182,000 as an Incentive for the Sponsor Organizations of the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Data from the AoE:

2023-24

Row Labels	Sum of Breakfast	Sum of AM Snack	Sum of Lunch	Sum of PM Snack	Sum of Supper	Sum of Late Snack	Sum of Meals
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Center	\$655,719.57	\$5,392.39	\$1,209,467.45	\$283,889.88	\$17,701.02	\$0.00	\$3,342,709.87
Home	\$332,307.20	\$32,715.23	\$650,995.82	\$187,811.35	\$6,385.73	\$0.00	\$1,210,215.33
Grand Total	\$988,026.77	\$38,107.62	\$1,860,463.27	\$471,701.23	\$24,086.75	\$0.00	\$4,552,925.20