Attachment Q: Site Operator Stipend Justification

Site operators will need a) the materials required to conduct 15 nutrition education activities; and b) food items for 3 recipes as part of the research study. In order to estimate this financial burden on site operators, all materials and food items required to complete the activities and recipes were compiled. These prices are presented below.

Materials

A number of materials were commonly required across activities from multiple themes. Price estimates were acquired from Staples, Amazon, Lowes, and Dick's Sporting Goods for these items. The total financial burden of these commonly required materials is estimated at \$168.62.

Chart 1 - Commonly Required Materials

Materials	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Paper Plates (48-pack)	2	\$4.99	\$9.98
Markers (100-pack)	1	\$24.99	\$24.99
Easel Paper (1 sheet)	1	\$18.99	\$18.99
Sports Cones (25-pack)	1	\$10.99	\$10.99
Plain White Paper (ream)	1	\$9.99	\$9.99
Pens (50-pack)	1	\$11.99	\$11.99
Pencils (24-pack)	2	\$6.39	\$12.78
Soccer Balls	3	\$9.99	\$29.97
Frisbee	3	\$3.99	\$11.97
Footballs	3	\$8.99	\$26.97
		Total	\$168.62

In addition to the commonly required materials, there were specific materials required to complete activities for particular themes (see Chart 2 on following page). Price estimates were again acquired from Staples, Amazon, Lowes, and Dick's Sporting Goods for these theme-specific materials. The total financial burden of these activities is estimated at \$64.10, though no site operators will be required to conduct more than two of these specific lessons. Therefore, an estimate of \$25.33 will be used as the financial burden of the materials required for these theme-specific activities, based on twice the average cost of materials require for one theme (\$12.66 – see Chart 2 on following page).

Chart 2 - Theme-Specific Materials

Materials	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Theme 6			
Sugar Packets (box of 100)	1	\$2.99	\$2.99
Plastic Spoons (100-pack)	1	\$5.99	\$5.99
		Sub Total	\$8.98
Theme 4			
Basil Seed Packets	4	\$1.79	\$7.16
Soil (64-quart bag)	1	\$9.97	\$9.97
		Sub Total	\$17.13
Theme 2			
Water Balloons (100-Count Bag)	2	\$2.95	\$5.90
Plastic Bucket (5 gallon)	2	\$2.99	\$5.98
		Sub Total	\$11.88
	Average cost per theme		\$12.66

Food Ingredients for Activities

Charts 3 through 8 present the cost estimates for each food preparation activity in for 48 children, as described in the operator activity guide (see Attachment N). While this number of participants may be high some sites, summer meal site operators in schools and community organizations may have a greater number of summer meal site participants.

Chart 3 - Fruity Fun Chicken Salad for 48

	Qty	Unit Price	Total
10-can chicken	2	\$2.99	\$5.98
Strawberries	1	\$4.99	\$4.99
Spinach	1	\$2.99	\$2.99
Green Onions	1	\$1.99	\$1.99
Sour Cream	1	\$2.49	\$2.49
Yellow Mustard	1	\$2.99	\$2.99
Dry Oregano	1	\$4.99	\$4.99
Romaine	1	\$1.99	\$1.99
		Total	28.41

Chart 4 - Watermelon and Spinach Salad for 48

	Units	Unit Price	Total
Watermelon	1	\$4.99	\$4.99
Spinach	1	\$2.99	\$2.99
Green Onions	1	\$1.99	\$1.99
Cilantro	1	\$2.99	\$2.99
Lime Juice	1	\$0.99	\$0.99
Vegetable Oil	1	\$5.99	\$5.99
Cumin	1	\$5.99	\$5.99
		Total	25.93

Chart 5 - Berry Jam Party Bites for 48

	Units	Unit Price	Total
English Muffins	2	\$3.99	\$7.98
Peanut Butter	1	\$3.99	\$3.99
Cream Cheese	1	\$1.99	\$1.99
Chocolate Chips	1	\$3.99	\$3.99
Frozen Strawberries	2	\$2.99	\$5.98
Blueberries	1	\$3.99	\$3.99
		Total	27.92

Chart 6 Parade Day Bean Salad for 48

	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Can Kidney Beans	8	\$1.09	\$8.72
Can Garbanzo Beans	8	\$1.09	\$8.72
Cherry Tomatoes	2	\$2.99	\$5.98
Sweet Peppers	3	\$2.99	\$8.97
Celery	1	\$1.99	\$1.99
Mozzarella	1	\$4.99	\$4.99
Dry Oregano	1	\$4.99	\$4.99
Red Onion	1	\$1.59	\$1.59
Red Wine Vinegar	1	\$5.99	\$5.99
Vegetable Oil	1	\$5.99	\$5.99
Dried Oregano	1	\$4.99	\$4.99
		Total	62.92

Chart 7 - Summer Vegetable Salsa for 48

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	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Zucchini	8	\$1.09	\$8.72
Roma Tomatoes	24	\$0.69	\$16.56
Jalapeno	8	\$0.69	\$5.52
White Onion	8	\$1.09	\$8.72
Cilantro	3	\$2.99	\$8.97
Lime Juice	4	\$0.99	\$3.96
Garlic	16	\$0.49	\$7.84
		Total	60.29

Chart 8 - Garden Fiesta Tuna Pockets for 48

	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Tuna	16	\$1.19	\$19.04
Can Black Beans	8	\$1.09	\$8.72
Corn	3	\$1.99	\$5.97
Green Pepper	8	\$1.99	\$15.92
Carrot	8	\$0.79	\$6.32
Red Onion	8	\$0.99	\$7.92
Lime Juice	2	\$0.99	\$1.98
Chili powder	1	\$5.99	\$5.99
Garlic Powder	1	\$5.99	\$5.99
Pitas	4	\$3.99	\$15.96
		Total	93.81

Since site operators will be required to conduct three recipes, they will be provided with \$149.64, or three times the average cost of the recipes (see Chart 9 below).

Chart 9 - Average Cost of Recipes

Recipe	Price
Fruity Fun Chicken Salad	\$28.41
Watermelon and Spinach Salad	\$25.93
Berry Jam Party Bites	\$27.92
Parade Day Bean Salad	\$62.92
Summer Vegetable Salsa	\$60.29
Garden Fiesta Tuna Pockets	\$93.81
Average cost per recipe	\$49.88

Travel and Incidental Expenses

Finally, site operators will be required to travel in order to purchase the required materials. Given that much of the required materials are fresh food items that can't be

purchased in advance, site operators will likely be required to make multiple trips. We propose providing an additional \$15 incentive to cover any incidental expenses incurred during three different trips to purchase materials. This figure is derived from the GSA contractor daily per diems rates.

Overall

The total estimate financial burden on site operators for conducting 15 activities and 3 recipes is calculated at \$358.79 (see Chart 10 below). We therefore strongly advise a \$360 stipend (rounded for convenience) in order to assure participation from site operators representing the full diversity of summer meals sites.

Chart 10 - Total Financial Burden

Type of Materials		Cost
Commonly required materials		\$168.82
Theme specific materials		\$25.33
Food items		\$149.64
Incidental Expenses		\$15.00
	Total	\$358.79