

MEMORANDUM

To: All District and School-Level Administrators and Teachers
From: Dr. Marcia Oglesby, Director, Grants & Partnerships
Through: Mrs. Jennifer Caracciolo, Interim Chief DCEIP
Date: October 24, 2025
Subject: *Funding Focus Friday:* ALDI Community Gift Card Program

The [ALDI Community Gift Card \(ACGC\) program](#) offers gift cards ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 to support after-school and out-of-school youth programs, as well as food banks and pantries that purchase essential products. This program is a quick and flexible way to address small barriers that can significantly impact student engagement, attendance, and readiness to learn.

When applying, clearly specify your intended purchase and the beneficiaries. Examples include:

- **Student And Family Engagement (S.A.F.E.) Center Replenishment:** Snacks, pantry staples, coats, socks, and hygiene items to support family stability.
- **Weekend Backpack Program:** Shelf-stable foods to expand Friday send-home kits for identified students.
- **Hygiene and Dignity Supplies:** Deodorant, soap, menstrual products, and dental kits for counselors and nurses to discreetly distribute.
- **Classroom Supplies:** Notebooks, lab/maker consumables for tutoring, credit recovery, or STEAM clubs.

Key ACGC details:

- Deadline: November 30, 2025
- Programs supported: After-school/out-of-school activities and food banks/pantries purchasing essential products.
- Program details? Click [HERE](#).
- Ready to apply? Click [HERE](#).
- Need ACGC technical assistance? Email [HERE](#).

Remember to follow the [DCSD Grant Guidelines](#) and work with [Grants & Partnerships](#) to coordinate the next steps. We are here to support you in shaping your ideas and strengthening your submissions. To begin your application, have questions answered, or get experienced advice, email us at grantsandpartnerships@dekalbschoolsga.org.

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Need more grant inspiration and options? The searchable Monthly Education Grants Alert (MEGA) for October 2025 is [HERE](#).

Good luck!