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Metro Action Accepting Site Applications for Free Meals for Youth during the Summer *Meals can be served from any site that can accommodate meal service program*

Nashville, TN—The Metropolitan Action Commission is accepting applications from organizations that would like to provide free meals to children up to age 18 years old during the summer.

Local organizations such as churches, community centers, summer school programs, day camps or any other group that will serve children for any length of time during the summer are encouraged to submit a Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) application.

Applications are usually received from organizations that provide a summer program such as a camp or tutoring program, however meals can be served from any site that can accommodate the meal service program, such as an apartment complex community room or other gathering places commonly frequented by young people.

“We want to make sure that every eligible community has a SFSP site that is easily accessible to young people,” said Marvin D. Cox, director of Metro Action’s Community Service Programs.

To qualify as a SFSP site, the facility must be located in or near low income areas where at least 50% of the population qualifies for free or reduced meals during the regular school season.

Last summer the agency prepared a total of 216,051 breakfast and lunch meals for 110 sites, making Metro Action the largest resource for free summer meals in Davidson County.

Metro Action requests applications are submitted by March 28 for consideration as a meal site. Meals will be provided from June 6 through July 29.

Applications are available at the agency’s main office, located at 1624 5th Avenue, North and on the Metro Action website (www.nashville.gov/mac). Applicants may also call 615-862-8860, Extension 120.

The objective of the program is to provide nutritionally balanced meals for children during the summer months that otherwise would go without a meal during the day.

Metro Action receives federal funding for the SFSP from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service through a grant with the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

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