

2017 Farm to School List of Awardees

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FY 2017 USDA Farm to School Grant Awards

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 authorized and funded USDA to establish a Farm to School Program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. USDA is pleased announce fiscal year 2017 grantees. The descriptions below were adapted from grant applications. In some cases they have been edited by USDA staff. Award amounts are subject to change.

Alabama

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries

Montgomery, Alabama

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries will use grant funds to assist farmers with GAP certification, revise the Alabama farm to school website, develop a state-wide promotional campaign, and support school garden curriculum development. The Druid City Garden Project will utilize funds to facilitate building mobile cooking units for schools to engage students in cooking demonstrations with produce grown in school gardens.

Alaska

Alaska Department of Natural Resources – Division of Agriculture

Palmer, Alaska

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources will assist communities in tailoring their farm to school efforts to their strengths, resources, and interests by creating a regional model of farm to school stakeholder engagement. The project team believes this will help bring ownership for farm to school activities, increase community buy-in, and develop project sustainability.

Arkansas

Arkansas Agriculture Department

Little Rock, Arkansas

Grant Type: Training; **\$31,381**

The Arkansas Agriculture Department will build cross-sector farm to school leadership by training growers, valuing chain partners, state agency personnel and policy makers in Arkansas and surrounding states.

California

Twin Rivers Unified School District

North Highlands, California

Grant Type: Planning; **\$44,906**

The Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD) will create a farm to school committee that includes district staff, community-based organizations, local farmers, school administrators, and parents. The goal of this funding will be to create a comprehensive Farm to School Action Plan that includes the district's vision and mission for farm to school activities at each school site, identify roles and responsibilities of all partners, and provide a road map for TRUSD farm to school implementation.

Tides Center/School Food Focus, a Project of Tides Center

San Francisco, California

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$98,871**

School Food Focus will increase school food demand for locally-sourced poultry products. Working in the Southeastern and the Western regions of the U.S., Focus will bring together four innovative school food service leaders and a range of small and mid-scale poultry producers, processors, and distributors to create mutually beneficial procurement pathways to better chicken and turkey products.

Oakland Unified School District

Oakland, California

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$99,966**

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) will develop and implement an innovative forward contract procurement system to dramatically increase local agricultural products served in the school meal program. This system will serve as a critical component in a strategy to prepare for opening the District's Central Kitchen and Instructional Farm in 2018. OUSD will create new market opportunities for small and minority owned local producers to sell their products directly and increase access to local agricultural products for 37,000 students in Oakland.

New Visions Middle School

San Bernardino, California

Grant Type: Planning; **\$44,956**

REAL Journey Academies/New Visions Middle School will serve as the lead local education agency for a consortium of charter schools in Southern California. The Consortium's farm to school planning grant will embed known best practices into early design considerations, culminating in a comprehensive Farm to School Action Plan. The Farm to School Action Plan will include an implementation plan to increase

regional food in school meals and expand the school garden programs, which include a fruit orchard and bee husbandry.

Natomas Unified School District

Sacramento, California

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$79,626**

Natomas Unified School District will use grant funding to develop relationships with local farmers that are like minded, build two school gardens in the district, and create and offer professional development opportunities for food service personnel.

Local Bounty DBA Real Good Fish

Moss Landing, California

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$95,320**

Local Bounty DBA Real Good Fish will enable the farm to school program to grow sustainably and increase its impacts for students, schools, communities, fisherman, and the supply chain. They will do this by funding more fishermen visits to classrooms, developing a virtual fishing trip platform to allow fishermen to engage and teach while on the open sea, and giving children the thrill of experiencing a commercial fishing trip safely seated in their classroom. Additionally, they will increase capacity for districts to procure and prepare local seafood by providing professional development for nutrition services staff with Real Good Fish's resident chef, creating training videos on recipes, preparation, and serving methods for local seafood, and develop recipes and supporting materials.

Karuk Tribe

Happy Camp, California

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

This project will enhance students' understanding of the connections between and the direct experience with traditional foods, physical health, and diet-related disease prevention. Karuk Tribe, with their partners, will expand and implement culturally relevant "Native Health" lesson plans and facilitate conventional and Native food cooking classes for a "hands-on" approach to their local food systems.

Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

Fresno, California

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

The FRESH initiative will develop a policy, which recommends a set percentage of Fresno Unified School District's (FUSD) food budget for local produce and will increase connections between local growers and FUSD. This will be achieved by convening farm to school Meet-and-Greet events that will introduce local

farmers to FUSD Food Services. The FRESH initiative will educate students about the role of fruits and vegetables through six experiential nutrition education and taste testing events to 250 students.

Food Bank of Santa Barbara County

Santa Barbara, California

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$97,987**

The Food Bank of Santa Barbara County will provide fresh produce and nutrition education lessons to elementary-aged students in afterschool programs. Each lesson focuses on one special produce item and includes recipes, information about the ingredient, and a hands-on food demonstration in which children prepare and taste the recipe of the day. The lesson concludes with a mini farmer's market that includes the main ingredient as well as three other fresh produce items.

California Department of Food and Agriculture Office of Farm to Fork

Sacramento, California

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$90,966**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Office of Farm to Fork will transition the California Farm to School Network (CFSN) to the Office and strengthen the already robust statewide organization with a five-pronged approach, which will result in an increase in fresh California foods offered at school meals across the state and an increase in sales for California farmers.

Colorado

San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition

Alamosa, Colorado

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$99,866**

The San Luis Valley (SLV) Local Foods Coalition seeks to advance farm to school in the fourteen rural districts of the San Luis Valley and preschools in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center, the SLV Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Colorado BOCES Cooperative Buying Program, the Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley, Guidestone Colorado, the San Luis Valley Integrated Nutrition Education Program, Cooking Matters SLV and LiveWell Colorado. At the center of this proposal is the Valley Roots Food Hub, which sources locally grown produce, winter storage and greenhouse vegetables, proteins and value-added products, and distributes them to the regions, schools, institutions, and retail outlets.

Connecticut

New London Public Schools

New London, Connecticut

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$65,000**

New London Public Schools project seeks to establish a program that systematically links fresh food on the lunch tray to student learning in the classroom, school gardens, and in the cafeteria. A strong partnership between the food service program, FRESH New London, and Brigaid, has already strategically increased the accessibility and availability of farm-fresh food to students and the surrounding community.

Hartford Public Schools

Hartford, Connecticut

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$93,384**

The Hartford School District will incorporate higher volumes of local food into the school menu by installing new processing equipment to establish an enhanced "central production kitchen" in Hartford's Journalism & Media Academy. This kitchen will process, package, and distribute local foods to a network of eighteen schools while increasing the flavor and variety of school meals. Hartford schools will also expand the district's partnership with FoodCorps to increase nutrition promotion and food education in both the classroom and cafeteria.

District of Columbia

Eagle Academy Public Charter School

Washington, DC

Grant Type: Planning; **\$42,182**

Eagle Academy Public Charter School will develop a farm to school committee with the primary purpose of designing a Farm to School Action Plan. The plan will increase locally sourced produce made available to students and integrate nutrition and produce education into the school's curriculum.

Florida

District School Board of Putnam County, Florida

Palatka, Florida

Grant Type: Planning; **\$43,550**

The Putnam County Public Schools Food Services Staff will design a comprehensive program to supply locally produced foods to schools. The District aims to forge community partnerships to identify sources

of fresh foods for school needs as well as educate students and parents about the health benefits of eating fresh, locally grown foods.

Georgia

Georgia Organics

Atlanta, Georgia

Grant Type: Training; **\$25,000**

Georgia Organics' project will develop and disseminate two essential trainings: the 2017 Farm to School Summit and the Farm to School Track at the 2018 Georgia Organics Conference. As two of the most comprehensive farm to school trainings offered in Georgia, these meet a timely need to prepare stakeholders to meet Georgia's 2020 Vision for School Nutrition (released in December 2015) which includes ambitious local food procurement goals.

Forsyth County Board of Education

Cumming, Georgia

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$91,106**

The Forsyth County Board of Education will standardize school gardens to develop a district-wide program that utilizes the garden as an outdoor classroom and expands the Farm to School Program in Forsyth County.

Carrollton City Schools Nutrition Program

Carrollton, Georgia

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$62,625**

Carrollton City Schools Farm to School Program, "Eat Healthy. Eat Local. Eat at Carrollton City Schools" will increase purchases and offerings of local foods through already established distribution channels and expand offerings through additional distributors.

Illinois

Aurora East Unified School District 131

Aurora, Illinois

Grant Type: Planning; **\$44,996**

Through partnerships with Seven Generations Ahead, VNA Health Care, and Sodexo, Aurora East Unified School District will develop a plan to increase the amount of local and regional foods served in the district's schools. This project will also improve students' access to fresh foods while increasing students' understanding of food sources through the development of school gardens. Students will receive

additional instruction in nutrition and healthy eating through Harvest of the Month promotions and family-oriented Cooking Matters classes.

Indiana

South Bend Community School Corporation

South Bend, Indiana

Grant Type: Planning; **\$35,018**

South Bend Community School Corporation will evaluate current evidence of existing farm to school activities, develop a Farm to School Action Plan, and embed farm to school best practices into school culture. The program will work to establish a site-managed garden program that has the potential to support and sustain snacks in the classroom in the future.

Iowa

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Des Moines, Iowa

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will create a state-wide celebration, "Iowa Local Food Day." Unifying the state in a local food project will (1) provide a strong support network, (2) aid food service directors in making local procurements, (3) engage more farmers in growing and selling produce to schools, (4) help growers ramp up school sales by working on a smaller scale with Summer Food Service Programs, (5) allow farm to school activities to expand beyond fruits and vegetable, and (6) raise awareness of farm to school across the state.

Atlantic Community School District

Atlantic, Iowa

Grant Type: Planning; **\$45,000**

The Atlantic Community School District will partner with other school districts in Cass County to engage local partners and stakeholders in a comprehensive assessment of current resources and a feasibility study of options for increasing access to local foods among students in Cass County. The project will identify sustainable opportunities to integrate farm to school activities into school food service and educational opportunities for students in the classroom and garden.

Kansas

Lawrence Unified School District

Lawrence, Kansas

Grant Type: Planning; **\$44,976**

Lawrence Public Schools (USD497) will lead Douglas County in a planning phase aimed at developing a successful farm to school program. The planning team will: (1) survey current practices, successes, and gaps in existing programming, (2) bring county-wide stakeholders together to identify and address barriers and challenges, (3) form stronger partnerships with local food producers, (4) train kitchen staff to handle local produce, (5) craft a sustainable marketing campaign to create excitement around programming in each district, and (6) develop a targeted farm to school curriculum scope and sequence.

Kentucky

Metcalf County Schools

Edmonton, Kentucky

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$97,601**

Metcalf County Schools (MCS) will expand and strengthen its farm to school program to bring more local, farm-fresh foods to students, their families, and the community. The district is partnering with the UK 4-H Extension Office and local farmers to increase the number of fruits and vegetables served in cafeterias during the school year and summer months by 20 percent. MCS will also integrate farm to school educational activities into current curriculum with greenhouse classes, outdoor classrooms, culinary classes, cannery jobs, farm field trips, and day camps.

Maine

Regional School Unit #57

Waterboro, Maine

Grant Type: Planning; **\$33,778**

The Regional School Unit (RSU) #57 Farm to School Program will serve the district's seven schools by implementing food and wellness lessons and activities through farm to school initiatives. Such initiatives include farm field trips, increased procurement of local foods in the cafeteria, taste tests of local foods, and integrating education about the gardens, greenhouse, "zero waste" composting program, and nutrition into classrooms.

Maryland

Maryland Department of Agriculture

Annapolis, Maryland

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$97,662**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture in partnership with Maryland State Department of Education will engage all of Maryland's 24 school systems to expand the amount of locally-grown foods procured in the Summer Meals program and increase enrichment programming activities. Statewide activities will

include a local food market feasibility study of supply chain partners in Summer Meals, Harvest of the Month summer campaign, technical assistance training, a rural culinary school vegetable processing pilot, and agriculture and nutrition-based activities with a focus on farmers markets and on-site gardens.

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Malden, Massachusetts

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$99,812**

Massachusetts, Growing Great Summer Meals (Mass GGSM) will assess and support the implementation of current and future participation in farm to summer by school based sponsors in Massachusetts. Mass GGSM will add an assessment tool to the online renewal application to identify participation types and rates. State specific training videos will be developed to train administrative and site staff on procurement, utilization, and education using local or regional foods. Once Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors have learned about ways to implement farm to summer in Massachusetts, mini-grant funds will be provided to support implementation.

Codman Academy Charter Public School

Dorchester, Massachusetts

Grant Type: Planning; **\$29,153**

Codman Academy Charter Public School (CACPS) goal is to (1) develop a sustainable farm to school program that will serve fresh and nutritious food, (2) maximize the use of locally grown or produced foods, (3) educate students about healthy eating habits, including hands-on techniques to make the connections between farming and the food that students consume, (4) connect students to local farms for vocational training and internships, (5) increase the size and stability of farmers' direct sales market, and (6) increase school meal participation by increasing the selection and quality of food available for students.

Michigan

South Haven Public Schools

South Haven, Michigan

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$98,264**

Farming with Kids Matters is a collaborative effort to increase farm to school products featured at school, increase nutrition education related to gardening and locally grown food, and build two mobile greenhouse buses in the school garden.

Michigan Department of Education

Lansing, Michigan

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$70,280**

The Michigan Department of Education plans to implement activities that contribute to cultivating leadership and expanding networks of food service directors by (1) conducting strategic planning activities to shape the development of a new Cultivate Michigan Farm to School Leadership Institute, and 2) hosting a series of regional Cultivate Michigan Marketplace networking events to help food service directors strengthen relationships with suppliers while helping the project team recruit for and promote the leadership institute focus groups.

Minnesota

The Good Acre

Falcon Heights, Minnesota

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$99,956**

The Good Acre, a mission-driven non-profit food hub aimed at creating a more vibrant just food system for consumers, food-makers, and farmers, is partnering with four local school districts to increase the amount of local food available to schools in the greater Twin Cities Region. The Good Acre will also develop replicable farm to school tools and models, establish food processing capacity to supply local produce ingredients to schools beyond the typical growing season, and provide tailored training and resources to schools appropriate to their current level of farm to school activity and the challenges they face.

Mississippi

The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi

Flowood, Mississippi

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$99,726**

The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi will implement "Be a Part of Farm to School Mississippi Program" which will benefit 9,547 underserved elementary and pre-kindergarten youth in Jackson Public School District. The "Be a Part of Farm to School Program" will expand farm to school programs in twenty-four Mississippi schools. These goals will be achieved by increasing hands-on learning in on-site school gardens, delivering local food taste-tests and farmers' market demonstrations, coordinating harvest of the month crop-drops, organizing farm field trips, and developing a public relations campaign around farm to school.

Missouri

Taney County Health Department

Forsyth, Missouri

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$99,994**

The Southwest Missouri Regional Farm to School Program will develop a regional food supply chain to bring regional foods into local school food systems. Farm to school activities will take place within the schools and include curriculum development, gardening activities, taste testing, and field trips to introduce students to local foods.

Montana

Gallatin Valley Farm to School

Bozeman, Montana

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

Gallatin Valley Farm to School will expand services to rural districts in the Bozeman, Montana region to implement the Montana Harvest of the Month program. Participating districts will receive support and training in procurement, marketing and outreach, school capacity development, and implementing farm to school education. Activities also include regional peer networking and supply chain development.

Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Education

Lincoln, Nebraska

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$71,860**

“Nebraska Thursdays” will support Nebraska schools in serving one meal per month with food that is sourced as much as possible, from within Nebraska. The Nebraska Department of Education will offer resources and opportunities online, and with the help of this state-level support, the “Nebraska Thursdays” program will increase participation in farm to school .

New Jersey

New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Trenton, New Jersey

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$90,945**

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Division of Food and Nutrition, will provide funding to FoodCorps service sites for taste tests and school garden start up or expansion at approximately thirty schools. The State Agency will host the Second Annual Farm to School Summit - a statewide summit to

bring farmers, produce distributors/brokers, food service management companies, self-op programs, vendors, school business officials, administrators, educators and school boards together for networking and sharing on the benefits and best practices of farm to school, farm to summer and farm to pre-school.

New Mexico

Magdalena Municipal School

Magdalena, New Mexico

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$94,701**

The Magdalena Farm to School Program will expand the use of its two greenhouses on campus through experiential learning opportunities for students pre-k through 12th grade in an effort to produce daily salad bar offerings onsite.

New York

Indian River Central School District

Philadelphia, New York

Grant Type: Planning; **\$44,282**

The Indian River Central School District, in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, is implementing a comprehensive farm to school plan to provide fresh, local, nutritious food that benefits the community and local farmers. The farm to school plan will include district-wide curricular elements, a primary school garden, and taste-tests.

Edible Schoolyard New York

Brooklyn, New York

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

Edible Schoolyard NYC (ESYNYC) will partner with public schools to transform the hearts, minds, and eating habits of young New Yorkers. ESYNYC's will build and refine its existing network schools pilot program which brings scalable edible education to public school students in the highest-need communities in New York City. Hands-on nutrition, environmental, and practical education is integrated into the whole school environment and complements Common Core standards.

Capital Roots, Inc.

Troy, New York

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

"Mind the GAP" is Capital Roots effort to use the power of its existing regional food hub and its longstanding working relationships with farms and schools to knock down barriers. Capital Roots' online ordering and delivery system for institutions will be used to connect schools with the limited number of GAP certified farms in the region, while other partner farms will be groomed for GAP and helped through the certification process.

North Carolina

Beaufort County Board of Education

Washington, North Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$94,100**

"Local Foods Abound, All Year 'Round" is a two-year project that will increase usage and consumption of locally and regionally-sourced food products in the Beaufort County Schools Child Nutrition Program and the school-based Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The project will extend the period during which seasonal, local foods can be prepared and frozen for future use by establishing a permanent processing kitchen and community garden at a repurposed school system facility.

North Dakota

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Bismarck, North Dakota

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$75,000**

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and North Dakota Department of Agriculture will partner to promote local foods through North Dakota Farm to School Month and Pride of Dakota School Lunch Day with special menus and aprons for schools and child care facilities. They will contract with a farmer and marketing partner to provide technical assistance and sub-grants to schools and child care facilities conducting farm to school and farm to preschool activities.

Ohio

Springfield City School District

Springfield, Ohio

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$98,668**

The project will identify sources for locally produced food and link them with the Springfield City School District's (SCSD) distributor and also support direct linkages between the school district and area food

producers. It will pilot an innovative community-based approach to processing bulk items, such as apples, for school-based snack or after-school programs. Garden-based activities, including Project Based Learning, will continue to develop at schools with existing gardens. The project will also provide support for installing two winter gardens at schools, transforming one school garden into a dual school-community garden, and increase access to locally grown food through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs.

Columbus City Schools

Columbus, Ohio

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$99,309**

The "Bigger Procurement, Smaller Bites" project involves purchasing equipment that will clean, slice, preserve, weigh, and bag local apples with the capacity to expand to additional fresh, local produce including, but not limited to, carrots, cucumbers, and squash. Ohio apples are a natural first choice in Columbus City Schools' (CCS) efforts to offer more sliced, fresh, local fruit in their cafeterias. The project will further strengthen the relationships developed between CCS Food Service and local food system partners.

Oklahoma

Stilwell Public Schools

Stilwell, Oklahoma

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$90,950**

With funds from the Farm to School Grant program, Stilwell High School will update their greenhouse, including the industrial refrigerator which stores the harvest. Stilwell Public Schools prioritizes the ongoing strengthening and expansion of the network of community partners to stimulate and promote revitalization efforts and continues to leverage local stakeholders to improve the health and wellness of families.

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Grant Type: Training; **\$17,764**

"OKC Students Learn to Eat Local" involves increasing students' knowledge and understanding of where local food comes and how to make better food choices when it comes to their health with in-class education, farmer's market field trips, interactions with local growers, and hands-on learning experiences at the farm.

Comanche Public Schools

Comanche, Oklahoma

Grant Type: Planning; **\$32,252**

Comanche Public Schools (CPS) will enhance their Cooking for Kids training and scratch-cooking program and move forward in organizing and structuring a comprehensive farm to school program that will benefit all students and impact their entire community.

Oregon

Lane County School District #52 – Bethel

Eugene, Oregon

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$99,976**

Bethel School District will expand and strengthen its existing farm to school program by anchoring its developing program to the new district-owned farm. Strong collaborations with community partners will allow for district-wide integration of science based garden education, nutrition education, and cooking classes. Innovative procurement strategies will increase cafeteria offerings of local foods. Preservation and processing techniques will result in increased use of produce grown on the farm in all child nutrition program meals.

Pennsylvania

Fayette County Community Action Agency, Inc.

Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

The Republic Farm to School Program (RFSP) will partner local school districts with local farmers to provide districts with locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables that will be incorporated into the school meals menu. The RFSP will also strengthen students' knowledge about agriculture, nutrition, and the environment by introducing food-related curriculum to the classroom.

Puerto Rico

Municipality of Coamo

Coamo, Puerto Rico

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$100,000**

The Municipality of Coamo will increase local food production and consumption of fruits and vegetables by students in cafeterias at five schools. Curriculum will be expanded to include topics such as food security, food sovereignty, soil, climate change, insects, fruit and vegetables sowing, and aromatic plants in Puerto Rico agriculture. A student-targeted nutrition campaign will be launched to increase the

consumption of fruits and vegetables, acquire locally cultivated produce, and teach the benefits of good nutrition, physical activity, and academic achievement.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Education

Providence, Rhode Island

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$90,190**

The Rhode Island Department of Education will implement proven farm to school programs in school based pre-K CACFP sites and CACFP after school programs. Hands-on, interactive, nutrition education programs will be presented in five schools in four school districts. Food service providers will receive technical assistance on how to incorporate nutrition education into the schools' culture and support food service in procuring and promoting local products.

South Carolina

Spartanburg County School District Six

Roebuck, South Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$100,000**

Spartanburg School District Six (SD6) will implement a sustainable food production and a student internship program at Cragmoor Farms. SD6 farm produces fruits and vegetables as well as beef cattle. Hydroponic production in the greenhouse will augment farm grown produce and the composting program will teach students about food waste and allow the district to produce its own compost at the farm.

Dorchester District Two-ARHS

Summerville, South Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$74,540**

Using 200 students currently enrolled in agriculture courses at Ashley Ridge High School, Fox Farm will expand its growing area from 3/4 acres to four acres to increase its annual production of fresh fruits and vegetables to serve all twenty-four schools in Dorchester District Two.

South Dakota

South Dakota Department of Education

Pierre, South Dakota

Grant Type: Training; **\$24,158**

The South Dakota Department of Education, Child & Adult Nutrition Services will partner with South Dakota State University Extension and Dakota Rural Action to provide a state-wide training opportunity on farm to school procurement that brings together stakeholders from across the supply chain to network and build business connections. A South Dakota Farm to School Procurement Training Handbook will be developed utilizing expertise from collaborative partners, and will be used to guide the training agenda and coursework.

Tennessee

The Florence Crittenton Agency

Knoxville, Tennessee

Grant Type: Planning; **\$14,581**

The Florence Crittenton Agency will develop a comprehensive Farm to School Action Plan that will identify sources of locally grown food, procurement resources, and promotion activities for schools and communities. An on-site garden will be planned on a 26-acre campus that will provide gardening activities and healthy food preparation classes to address the nutrition disparity felt by low-income clients.

Texas

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District

Pharr, Texas

Grant Type: Planning; **\$44,646**

The “Improving Student Achievement through Nutrition” project will enable Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District (PJA ISD) to cultivate local partnerships and purchase fresh produce from local farmers to serve in schools.

IDEA Public Schools

Weslaco, Texas

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$93,058**

IDEA Public Schools will build systems to standardize academic instruction while continuing to grow and expand farm production capacity and increase access to farms for over 30,000 students in three Texas regions. The focus on the balanced formula of production, education, and safety will be exemplified through the “Garden in a Box,” toolkit, a standardized method schools use to actualize the promise of our Healthy Kids Here initiative and to increase students’ level of interest and participation in IDEA’s farms and gardens.

Virginia

Virginia Department of Education

Richmond, Virginia

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$99,825**

The Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with local, regional, and statewide partner organizations will identify, engage, and support farm to school initiatives statewide. The goals of the project include the development of regional farm to school networks, procurement trainings, and programs to capitalize on the unique regions and agricultural products in the state.

Washington

Washington State Department of Agriculture

Olympia, Washington

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$96,625**

Washington State Department of Agriculture will establish a statewide Washington Farm to School Network to provide a framework for communication and coordination among farm to school programs across the state. The Network will support new and existing farm to school programs by increasing access to support and collaboration as well as identify existing gaps in current resources and services.

Wisconsin

Sheboygan Area School District

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Implementation; **\$99,969**

"Nourish Sheboygan Kids" brings together key local partners actively engaged in the Sheboygan-area farm-to-school movement to: (1) increase local food procurement in the Sheboygan Area School District (SASD), (2) expand communication efforts to reinforce nutrition-based learning and promote student participation in the featured local Harvest of the Month and Harvest of the Week school-based lunch and snack programs.

Community GroundWorks

Madison, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Support Service; **\$80,408**

Wisconsin Farm to School partners, led by Community GroundWorks and Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems at University of Wisconsin-Madison, seeks to continue capacity for baseline activities through the "Strong Roots for Wisconsin Farm to School" program.

Wyoming

Fremont County School District #38

Arapahoe, Wyoming

Grant Type: Planning; **\$33,106**

The Fremont County School District #38 will support a coordinator to draft the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Farm to School Action Plan, build capacity, and collaborate with the local task force to develop Arapahoe's farm to school project.