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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 2020 grantees. The descriptions below were adapted from grant applications. In some cases, USDA staff have edited them. Award amounts are subject to change.

Alabama

Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries - \$92,618

Montgomery, Alabama

Grant Type: State Agency

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) will expand the Alabama Farm to School Program by developing programmatic resources and providing farm to school trainings. Development and enhancement of Farm to School resources will encourage statewide participation in farm to school activities including Harvest of the Month and Farm to Summer. Additionally, the ADAI will collaborate with the Alabama State Department of Education to provide local food procurement trainings and a networking opportunity with local vendors.

Alaska

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development - \$70,148

Juneau, Alaska

Grant Type: State Agency

The Alaska Farm to Child Nutrition grant will provide funding for a state conference and sub grants based on a statewide Alaska Farm to Child Nutrition Plan. This statewide plan will assess and identify successful and sustainable attributes from previously funded projects. The conference will share those successes and provide training to support local-level models. Competitive sub grants will be available to local-level Child Nutrition sponsors.

Chatham School District - \$49,965

Angoon, Alaska

Grant Type: Planning

Angoon School (Chatham School District) serves 74 students, Pre-K through 12th grade, on rural, remote Admiralty Island in Alaska. All students live on the island, which is 55 miles southwest of the Juneau coast and accessible only by floatplane or boat. Despite the fact that Angoon is an isolated village with a largely subsistence lifestyle, youth are increasingly unaware of the effort

that goes into producing the foods they eat. When asked how foods, such as fish or produce, are secured, the most frequent student response was, “You order it, and it comes.” There is overwhelming support for introducing a school-wide curriculum featuring the essentials of a uniquely Alaskan subsistence lifestyle. The Angoon Farm to School Team will hold monthly meetings, designing a formal curriculum, planning future activities, and strengthening partnerships. The project will create an accompanying Action Plan Timeline, using USDA’s Farm to School Planning Toolkit, featuring specific tasks for subcommittees and Event Leaders, to ensure sufficient leadership, clear roles and duties, and adequate work force to support the 12-month Farm to School calendar. In addition, the sub-committee tasks will focus on developing the curriculum and scheduling professional development and training for Angoon School teachers.

Arizona

Arizona Department of Education - \$99,971

Phoenix, Arizona

Grant Type: State Agency

To build capacity within the state agency, Health and Nutrition Services proposes leveraging its investment of the growing Arizona Farm to School Network with support from the USDA Farm to School Grant. This project will support current Network Chairs during its early years of development and the specific projects designed to increase and retain activity among meal service providers. In addition, HNS will hire a Project Director, who will directly oversee the Arizona Farm to School Network’s development and the targeted projects that supports in forecasting menus, crop planning and facilitating communication among key farm to-program stakeholders. Targeted projects that need the support of this grant include: 1) Building a proof of concept in local purchasing incentive program, 2) Building an Arizona-specific agriculture education database, and 3) Expanding membership through Annual Gatherings & Annual Reporting

Arizona Sustainability Alliance - \$100,000

Tempe, Arizona

Grant Type: Implementation

The Arizona Sustainability Alliance (AZSA) will support six schools within the Alhambra Elementary School District (AESD) in creating and maintaining a vertical farm and ongoing farmers market. With support from local farm-to-market organizations, like the Tiger Mountain Foundation, AZSA will provide education, resources, and training to support students, staff, and teachers in developing the foundations for their own farm to market business. Collectively, the

markets will provide approximately 5,300 students access to a source of fresh, healthy produce throughout the school year.

The Paideia Academies, Inc. - \$22,026

Phoenix, Arizona

Grant Type: Planning

Paideia Academy South Phoenix will build a school garden ecosystem to include the following components: composting, raised garden beds, a fish tanks, a chicken coop with chicken runs. Through this project, the staff will create curriculum maps for all grade levels establishing lesson plans and linking state standards that connect agricultural education. The project will procure materials and resources that teachers, cafeteria staff, and the contracted caterers will use throughout the year to bolster the connections between locally grown agriculture, science, health and nutrition education. This unique ecosystem works in synergy to maintain the environment with minimal waste and upkeep, while providing students a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities in local procurement, agricultural education, and STEAM related areas.

Arkansas

Carroll County Resource Council - \$50,000

Green Forest, Arkansas

Grant Type: Planning

The Carroll County Resource Council in collaboration with the Green Forest Public Schools and Jeremiah House shelter for battered women will establish a plan to provide locally sources food to Carroll County schools. The project will work to establish self-sustaining farm-to-school relationships for local food producers and boost schools' ability to buy locally. In addition, the project will work to identify curriculum resources for integrating agricultural education into classes.

Springdale Public Schools - \$20,000

Springdale, Arkansas

Grant Type: Planning

The purpose of this project will affect approximately 960 students and families of Central Junior High. This project will mobilize community entities to facilitate an introductory meeting and create action plan. The project will also to extend the agriculture classroom by collaborating with local farmers, non-profits and the University of Arkansas Animal Science department to provide practical experiences to agriculture students increase nutritional literacy by working with

University of Arkansas Animal Science department, local chefs and area nonprofits to teach students how to select, prepare and serve fresh produce. The practical knowledge gained by students working in a farm, will deepen students' understanding of the world's reliance on farmers and inestimable importance of land stewardship. In addition, the project will produce fresh vegetables on the Central Junior High campus for use at the school and in the snack pack program. The feasibility of adding fresh food to the snack pack program will be explored with a local nonprofit.

California

Bishop Paiute Tribe - \$100,000

Bishop, California

Grant Type: Implementation

Building on already successful partnerships, the Bishop Paiute Tribe Farm-to-School Project will scale-up current farm-to-school activities and further strengthen existing collaborations between the Bishop Paiute Tribe Food Sovereignty Program (FSP) and Bishop Indian Head Start (BIHS). In order to improve access to local foods through local procurement and education efforts, the programs will work together to implement a food safety plan, develop an afterschool and summer garden education program through curriculum development and garden expansion. The project will further integrate traditional and culturally appropriate food in both school gardens and within the school menu, increase family cook nights, conduct a pilot project to explore methods to reduce excess food (that would become food waste), and provide farm-to-school produce stands to increase access to local produce and healthy foods for BIHS students and their families.

Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County Inc. - \$50,000

San Luis Obispo, California

Grant Type: Planning

CAPSLO Santa Maria Farm to School Program will bring a systems approach to school nutrition that includes local farmers and food distributors working in collaboration with school staff, students, parents, and others. Schools will have agricultural education components in the curriculum, and local farmers and food distributors will be connected and aligned with the school's nutrition programs. Students and parents will have greater access to healthier foods, making it easier for students to maintain healthier eating habits, thereby decreasing childhood obesity rates in the region.

Community Alliance with Family Farmers - \$99,973

Davis, California

Grant Type: Implementation

As demand for local food has increased dramatically, so too has the need for help with the procurement regulations and auditing processes for creating compliant bids. This project will support the development and piloting of an automated Bid Generator to be used by food service directors at 10 school districts in California. This automated web-based Bid Generator, coupled with direct technical assistance, will ease the procurement process for food service directors, thereby increasing the amount of locally sourced, farm fresh produce in school cafeterias.

Earth Island Institute - \$85,214

Berkeley, California

Grant Type: Implementation

The mission of the Mississippi Farm to School Network (MSF2SN) is to strengthen the local agricultural economy and educate Mississippians on the importance of eating locally grown, nutritionally dense foods. This project will expand the educational reach of MSF2SN's comprehensive program by engaging school food service professionals, farmers, teachers, parents, and community advocates from across the state at a statewide MS Farm to Cafeteria Conference.

Fiery Ginger Farm - \$98,884

West Sacramento, California

Grant Type: Implementation

Fiery Ginger Farm will work with 90 classrooms in Sacramento area schools to deliver in-class nutrition and food production lessons, host field trips and conduct taste tests at lunchtime. The project will also hold school-garden coordinator trainings and provide plants to gardens throughout the school year to help them connect to their kitchens and create a purpose driven environment for students. The result of all of this activity will be an increased interest in, and consumption of, local produce.

Leah's Pantry - \$92,500

La Jolla, California

Grant Type: Implementation

The Leah's Pantry Barrio Botany project will support San Diego Unified School District's Farm to School Program through on-site production of salad bar ingredients at school gardens in high poverty, low opportunity neighborhoods. Fruits and vegetables, grown by students, will be harvested for their school cafeterias as well as for instruction that improves local food consumption among students and enhances food and agricultural literacy.

Los Angeles Leadership Academy - \$95,415

Los Angeles, California

Grant Type: Implementation

The Los Angeles Leadership Academy (LALA) serves approximately 490 vulnerable and high-need students Grades 6-12 in an impoverished neighborhood of urban Los Angeles. The project activities will establish ongoing farming opportunities into the 2020-2021 school schedule, ensuring students Grades 6-12 engages in no less than one hour of hands-on agricultural programming each week. Additionally, LALA Farm will be outfitted with the tools, supplies, and equipment necessary to ensure expanded operations well into the future.

Mt. Diablo Unified School District - \$100,000

Concord, California

Grant Type: Implementation

Mt. Diablo Unified School District's Farm to School (FTS) Program combines local food procurement with experiential garden, cooking and nutrition lessons for elementary students that are tied to core academic standards. MDUSD's FTS objectives include deepening educational experiences for students during the school day, including implementing a new in-school field trip to the cafeteria for all 4th grade students, and integrating current after-school garden, cooking, and nutrition lessons to the FTS program for the first time. The FTS project will deepen staff understanding of the importance of healthy food culture across different departments through six new "Growing Healthy Kids" workshops that will foster collaboration among Garden Educators, Lead Teachers, After-School Program and Food Services. The project will also provide eight half-day workshops to train classroom teachers in using garden, cooking and nutrition lessons to reinforce academic standards.

San Bernardino City Unified School District - \$99,790

San Bernardino, California

Grant Type: Implementation

The overall goal of the San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD) Farm to School Implementation program is to improve access of locally sourced foods while simultaneously expanding educational opportunities for students. The K-12 SBCUSD has been successful with USDA Farm to School strategies since 2016 through what is known as the "Harvest of the Month". The project will expend by leveraging the supply chain so the District can work first-hand in improving the procurement process with Local Farmers. The project will implement farmer trainings for Food Safety, GAP education, and an onboarding process for working with Nutrition Services. In addition, the project will strengthen the agricultural educational experience with Pilot Classrooms and identify local procurement Local Labor Market & Needs Assessment of Urban Agriculture for School Food Authorities (SFA) procurement.

Colorado

Guidestone Colorado - \$50,207

Salida, Colorado

Grant Type: Implementation

Guidestone has collaborated with the Salida School District, since 2011, to manage education gardens and the 4-acre Community & School Farm, both on school district property, to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to all six school cafeterias and cross-disciplinary education programs to students from Early Childhood through high school. Guidestone and Salida School District will build capacity at school gardens and Community & School Farm. The project will increase production and extend the garden season, expand the capacity of Salida School District to utilize fresh produce, support teacher engagement and professional development by creating and piloting curriculum bins at the elementary and middle school gardens, and expand education program into the elementary school cafeteria and through a new high school capstone internship exploring agricultural careers.

Connecticut

Connecticut Department of Public Health - \$100,000

Hartford, Connecticut

Grant Type: State Agency

The Connecticut Department of Public Health in partnership with UConn Extension, and the support of the Connecticut Department of Education's Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Farm to School Collaborative will improve access to local foods in eligible sites by expanding a comprehensive Farm to Early Care and Education Program that includes local procurement and agricultural education efforts. The program will influence Connecticut's youngest and most vulnerable residents.

Stamford Housing Authority - \$25,712

Stamford, Connecticut

Grant Type: Planning

Stamford Housing Authority d.b.a. Charter Oak Communities (COC) will collaborate with Stamford Public Schools, United Way of Western Connecticut, and Chartwells (school food service provider) to develop a plan for a Stamford Student Food Collaborative Farm-to-School program. The project will engage Stamford high school students and food system stakeholders in advancing youth food security through improving access to fresh, local food in schools.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children - \$22,401

Norwalk, Connecticut

Grant Type: Planning

Stepping Stones Museum for Children will procure the consultancy services of the nationally renowned chef and food justice advocate, Michel Nischan, to develop a three-part action plan over the course of 12 months to improve food offerings in the museum's Healthyville Cafe, which also serves as the cafeteria for the museum's on-site pre-school program.

District of Columbia

Friends of the National Arboretum - \$99,982

Washington, District of Columbia

Grant Type: Implementation

Friends of the National Arboretum's youth education and outreach department, Washington Youth Garden will provide technical assistance and individualized hands-on support for 20 participating teachers through a school-year mentorship program. Mentorship activities improve access to local foods by supporting teachers in the delivery of 10+ hours of agricultural education and events. The result will increase consumption of garden produce for 600+ students from 10 Title 1 schools in the District of Columbia.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education - \$99,821

Washington, District of Columbia

Grant Type: State Agency

The District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will increase local foods in eligible Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs) by implementing comprehensive farm to CNP programming. This will be accomplished through four activities: 1. Establish a DC Farm to CNP Advisory Board to share expertise and develop a five-year strategic plan for DC Farm to CNP; 2. Develop a series of online trainings on high priority CNPs' needs; 3. Provide expert and targeted technical assistance to new and challenged CNP operators; and 4. Develop a DC Farm to CNP Toolkit that identifies best Farm to CNP practices. These activities will provide CNP operators with the knowledge and support they need to effectively procure local foods.

Florida

The BloominThyme Collaborative Inc. - \$26,325

Leesburg, Florida

Grant Type: Planning

The BloominThyme Collaborative Inc. will collaborate with the University of Florida Extension Office, and the Lake County Public School District, a predominantly Title 1 district in rural Central Florida, to develop a broad plan for procuring locally sourced produce and serving it in school cafeterias. The project will focus on K-8 schools with a high rate of students receiving free or reduced lunch and breakfast and provide opportunities for hands-on learning with the installation of school gardens. Harvest tastings and nutritional education will be provided, and families will be encouraged to consume fresh produce at home by receiving easy-to-prepare recipes.

Florida Agriculture in the Classroom - \$100,000

Gainesville, Florida

Grant Type: Implementation

Florida Agriculture in the Classroom will hire a School Garden Specialist to assist Florida educators, in PreK-12 public, charter and non-profit private schools, on how to start a garden, get funding, use it as a teaching tool, create a successful garden team and assist with Florida's school garden certification program. Through these efforts, students will have an increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables, with the intent of increasing the amount of locally grown produce served in the cafeteria.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - \$64,588

Tallahassee, Florida

Grant Type: State Agency

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will engage K-12 STEM and agriculture educators interested in starting or strengthening aquaculture education programs in their schools to: 1) participate in a three-day intensive training and skills building workshop, and 2) award aquaculture systems and supplies to 20 schools selected through a competitive application and review process. This project will help provide teacher training, technical support and physical resources for schools to incorporate aquaculture into lesson plans, hands-on activities, experiential learning opportunities and agriculture, garden or Farm to School initiatives. Key partners include the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agricultural Science (UF/IFAS) Tropical Aquaculture Lab and an experienced Florida K-12 aquaculture educator. This project ultimately has the potential to enhance agriculture education for hundreds of students throughout the state.

Florida Impact, Inc. - \$50,000

Tallahassee, Florida

Grant Type: Planning

Florida Impact, Inc., a not-for-profit advocacy organization dedicated to improving nutrition for children in Florida, has formed an alliance comprised of Fort Braden K-8 School, Leon County Public Schools District Food and Nutrition Services, Red Hill Small Farm Alliance and Florida A&M University to plan a Farm to School project for the school. The partnership seeks to develop a plan to incorporate fresh products in the school menus and assist school food services personnel with training on ways to incorporate local fresh food in their cooking. The planning group will research best practices and curricula for teaching students about local food and agricultural production with the goal of building increased understanding and appreciation of the importance of fruits and vegetables for optimal nutrition.

Leon County School District - \$100,000

Tallahassee, Florida

Grant Type: Implementation

Leon County Schools District will implement a comprehensive farm to school program that will include local procurement and agricultural education efforts. The Farm to School program will operate at Woodville K-8 School where agricultural classes will be expanded to provide students and community with the opportunity to have access to fresh food.

The Education Fund, Inc. - \$100,000

Miami Lakes, Florida

Grant Type: Implementation

The Education Fund's Food Forests for Schools (FFS) transforms public schoolyards into outdoor eco-labs that provide both nutrient-dense food for school cafeterias and agricultural education. Weekly harvests and a progressive partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools led to policy change and cafeteria manager training, resulting in school-fresh produce enhancing school meals and filling homebound harvest bags, affecting 31,532 students annually. The project will expand the FFS model and procurement of local and Florida grown produce of items similar to FFS crops, standardize school meal recipes and FFS procedures, and continue teacher training with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. A researcher from Florida International University will also evaluate production, as well as general plant and soil health, to help the understanding of the suitability (and sustainability) of FFS species in the South Florida environment.

Georgia

Flint River Fresh, Inc. - \$49,832

Albany, Georgia

Grant Type: Planning

Building of the existing infrastructure of teaching gardens at elementary schools in Dougherty County, Flint River Fresh will provide educational workshops to students and staff and convene local stakeholders to develop a collaborative Farm to School Action Plan for food grown in schools gardens to be incorporated into school menus. Dougherty County School System, Commodore Conyers College and Career Academy, and University of Georgia Cooperative Extension are key partners in this project, which identifies specific vegetable varieties that can be grown efficiently, trains school staff on effective cultivation and post-harvest handling practices, and facilitates intake and preparation processes for fresh, hyper-local produces into cafeteria kitchens. Three elementary schools in Dougherty County will pilot the project, and their experiences and results will inform a farm-to-school framework that can be applied across the school system.

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning - \$63,408

Atlanta, Georgia

Grant Type: State Agency

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning will strengthen Farm to ECE across the state of Georgia. The project will provide accessible statewide training on the implementation of a successful Farm to ECE program, curating dialogue on local procurement between Child Nutrition Program (CNP) purchasers, vendors and farmers, creating a database of Georgia's Farm to ECE initiatives, and fostering partnerships with Farm to ECE stakeholders. DECAL's grant initiatives will include a 101 training series, traveling Vendor Summit, hands-on implementation workshop benefiting counties with high obesity and food insecurity, spotlight program, and Farm to School and ECE Summit. By leveraging the Farm to School State Agency grant and community partnerships, DECAL will build upon Georgia's Farm to ECE foundations for improving access to local foods in CNPs across the state while emphasizing local procurement and nutrition and agricultural education efforts.

Georgia Department of Education - \$100,000

Atlanta, Georgia

Grant Type: State Agency

Georgia Department of Education (GA DOE) School Nutrition Program defines Farm to School as a movement that connects all parts of the food system with all aspects of the school day. It creates an educational opportunity for students to identify where food comes from, learn why it is important, and apply knowledge from all subject areas in an engaging way. The project will focus on eating local foods in the school cafeteria, working with school gardens, and participating in food-based learning activities that meet established curriculum criteria. GA DOE will collaborate with Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Organics, Royal Food Service, and local districts to create regional Fueling Georgia with Farm to School professional development

workshops. The workshops will focus on two primary target audiences, Georgia Educators and Georgia School Nutrition Professionals.

Newton County School System - \$99,976

Covington, Georgia

Grant Type: Implementation

The Farming IN School: Agriculture for ALL initiative is a collaborative effort led by the Newton College and Career Academy Agricultural Education Department. Through this initiative, students enrolled in all 23 schools located in Newton County would benefit by the creation of Blue and Gold Acres, a fully functional farm located on the campus of Newton College and Career Academy. Blue and Gold Acres would increase agricultural awareness to students by providing hands-on learning opportunities centered around STEM, Agricultural Production, Biosecurity and Agricultural Advocacy. By utilizing community partners and resources, Blue and Gold Acres will be able to providing students a comprehensive and diverse look at farming and growing food.

Savannah- Chatham County Public School System - \$100,000

Savannah, Georgia

Grant Type: Implementation

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System will scale up its current school garden program into targeted schools with a high proportion of children who are eligible for free or reduced meals. With additional gardens at two schools, the program will operate gardens at five schools. The project will also expand Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math (STREAM) garden-based activities, nutrition activities/taste tests, and farm visits. Community partners will develop regionally specific curricula for teachers and school garden guides for site coordinators and volunteers to increase program sustainability and reach.

Ware County School Nutrition - \$23,372

Waycross, Georgia

Grant Type: Planning

The vision of The Green Roots Initiative is for students to become self-sufficient, while cultivating a love for fresh local produce, gardening and agriculture. The project will work to ensure an agricultural experience at each school by rejuvenating existing gardens and adding innovative growing systems for learning, production and sustainability throughout the district. Agriculture and nutrition education will be a priority that is accomplished through evidence-based curriculum and hands-on experience. The groundwork for local food purchasing will be laid during the planning phase. Evidence-based curriculum, hands-on experience and tutelage from local leaders in agriculture will offer elementary students a one-of-a-kind experience. High school special education students will obtain job skills in the agriculture industry, while collaborating with

culinary classes, FFA and a community sponsored gardening club. Efforts will include Waygreen, Southeast Georgia's Local Food Alliance and Certified Georgia Food Oasis, Ware Children's Initiative and UGA Extension Office.

Guam

Farm to Table-Guam, Corporation - \$99,891

Yigo, Guam

Grant Type: Implementation

Farm to Table-Guam, Corp will increase crop yields to make locally grown lettuce consistently available on the menu at Okkodo High School. The project will reach 1,134 students who are eligible and participate in the free or reduced price lunch program, encourage increased consumption of fruits and vegetables through on campus promotional activities and expand educational learning opportunities by increasing exposure to local farms, by collaborating with agricultural producer groups and other community partners.

Guam Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs - \$91,185

Barrigada, Guam

Grant Type: State Agency

The project will expand the Farm to School Program throughout the Guam Department of Education (GDOE), reaching out to GDOE Early Childhood Education Programs, such as the GDOE Head Start Program and the Pre-Kindergarten Program. The project will affect a total of 732 students and 40 teachers who will participate in taste-testing activities of locally grown fruits and vegetables, classroom and outdoor gardening activities, and by visiting local farms. These activities will increase student knowledge of locally grown fruits and vegetables, highlight the importance of healthy eating, as well as identify local fruits and vegetables that is most acceptable for student consumption. The project will also provide training on recipe and menu development for 41 cafeteria managers and head cooks on incorporating more local ingredients within recipes and menus. The project staff will collaborate with the University of Guam Cooperative Extension & Outreach Program.

Hawaii

Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture - \$93,649

Kapaau, Hawaii

Grant Type: Implementation

Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) provides agriculture and nutrition education to students grades K-12. Established in 2008, HIP Ag provides programs primarily in the Kohala District of Hawaii County. Its mission of practicing and teaching regenerative agriculture includes farm field trips and in-school workshops. The organization also works to increase the amount of local food produced and supplied to the Kohala Complex DOE. The project will implement a viable supply chain solution for local farm to school initiatives in North Kohala, Hawaii County, and State of Hawaii. The 10-acre farm of market gardening and tropical agroforestry will serve as a classroom for education and supply Farm to School (F2S) in Kohala with local produce. HIP Ag is helping HIDOE achieve F2S goals by building a network of local farmers in Kohala and working with them to increase their production and access to markets.

Illinois

Adelante Center for Entrepreneurship - \$47,593

Waukegan, Illinois

Grant Type: Planning

The Adelante Center's Farm on Sheridan Young Farmer's program will be supported by Adelante Center's Farm on Sheridan indoor aquaponics farm. The project will build a community network of community stakeholders, volunteer experts, and consultants to develop a Farm to School Action Plan. The Farm to School program will be supported by Adelante Center's Farm on Sheridan indoor aquaponics farm. The Farm to School Action Plan will be facilitated by Farm on Sheridan; it will provide an active procurement source within the community that needs it the most and it will provide a robust venue for hands on agriculture education by both students and families. The project will focus on engagement of the students, school districts, volunteers and agriculture and nutrition experts to provide a comprehensive education platform that teaches the principles of foods grow and the effect on health.

Sola Gratia Farm - \$47,960

Urbana, Illinois

Grant Type: Planning

The "twin cities" of Champaign and Urbana have very different school food service programs, but both are serving schools located in multiple Opportunity Zones and a high proportion of children who are eligible for free or reduced price meals, averaging 57% between the two districts. Sola Gratia Farm and CU Public Health District will collaborate with the districts to plan a F2S Program in which: 1) Each child/student has the opportunity to try a wide variety of locally sourced foods in a variety of forms/recipes; 2) Each child/student has the opportunity to learn about food production and the significance of local food production in the greater economic and environmental food systems, and meet the people producing the food; and 3) School meals not

only contribute to equality (all children have access to balanced meals), but also equity (all students have access to locally sourced, healthy foods through the school lunch program)"

Sterling Community Unit School District #5 - \$100,000

Sterling, Illinois

Grant Type: Implementation

Sterling Schools, in collaboration with the Dillon Foundation and the Community General Hospital (CGH) Health Foundation, will implement a Farm to School program to change students' relationships with food. The program will use a school greenhouse garden to add fresh, local produce to the food service program. An agricultural educator will be hired to teach horticulture, greenhouse management, and environmental science, through which students will learn how to produce and harvest local foods while also respecting the environment. A nutrition-based cooking class will teach students to incorporate fresh foods into daily recipes appropriate for a variety of dietary needs.

Indiana

Bethany Christian Schools - \$55,088

Goshen, Indiana

Grant Type: Implementation

Bethany Christian Schools will expand the existing farm to school program to reach all students on campus, grades 4-12, incorporating farm to school aspects into the entire school culture. Students in every grade level of the school will participate in meaningful and creative farm to school activities. Bethany Christian will add a hoop house to expand the existing vegetable garden at the school and extend the growing season. The school will build a chicken coop and students will help to raise chickens on campus. The cafeteria will strengthen partnerships with local vendors so that most every school lunch served includes something grown at the school or by local farmers. Younger students from two neighboring public elementary schools, Waterford Elementary and Prairie View Elementary, will participate in the project by visiting Bethany's campus for educational events and taking other field trips to local farms and markets.

Ginnfarms Corp dba Fresh Local Food Corporation - \$74,745

Aurora, Indiana

Grant Type: Implementation

The Seeds of Hope Farm2School programming offered by Fresh Local Food Collaborative of SE Indiana will organize school leaders, teachers, volunteers, and producers in 10 school districts located in Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, and Ripley counties over the next 18 months. The

programming utilizes the three-tiered approach of procurement, tower gardens, and monthly Harvest of the Month tastings to introduce Farm2School to the community. The project will affect almost 19,000 K-12 students by working as the linkage from producer to cafeteria, Fresh Local Food Collaborative (FLFC) will assist Superintendents, Food and Nutrition leaders, as well as the classroom teachers to be sure Farm2School programming is experiential for the students while meeting state requirements on education.

Indiana State Department of Health - \$100,000

Indianapolis, Indiana

Grant Type: State Agency

The Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity (DNPA) within the Indiana State Department of Health will administer mini-grants to 7-10 Local Education Agencies throughout the state of Indiana. Grantees will use funding to purchase supplies to help facilitate their transition to a scratch-cooking model. The food service directors (FSDs) and their staff will also receive training through the Whole Kids Foundation's Healthy Foodservice Program. The DNPA, in collaboration with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, and the Indiana Grown for Schools Network, will also plan and host a statewide buyer-grower collaboration session to help connect local farmers/producers and FSDs interested in procuring local products. Finally, the DNPA will work with the Indiana Grown for Schools Network to create a statewide farm to school recognition program to incentivize participation in farm to school activities in Indiana.

Iowa

CAL Community School District - \$80,920

Latimer, Iowa

Grant Type: Implementation

A Regional Farm to School collaboration consisting of CAL Community School District, Hampton-Dumont Community School District, West Fork Community School District and Mason City Community School District along with local partners will work together to execute the Action Plan developed through the previous Farm to School (F2S) Planning Grant. Expansion of local food procurement and agricultural education in the classroom are the core priorities of this collaboration. Activities include Regional F2S team meetings, classroom visits by local producers, cafeteria taste tests, school clubs and integration of F2S curriculum across grade levels.

Iowa Department of Education - \$99,989

Des Moines, Iowa

Grant Type: State Agency

The Iowa Department of Education will build on the success of past initiatives and trainings implemented by the Iowa Farm to School Coalition by improving access to local foods in Child Nutrition Programs through comprehensive programming that includes local food procurement and agricultural education efforts. A "Choose Iowa Food of the Month" campaign will be developed. The goals of the campaign are to increase children's access to local food, educate children on food systems and nutrition of food, and, train on local procurement practices, and support local producers by increasing connections to Child Nutrition Programs. Sub-grants will be awarded to support local level implementation in National School Lunch Program schools, Child and Adult Care Food Program centers, and Summer Food Service Programs.

Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District - \$99,929

Vinton, Iowa

Grant Type: Implementation

Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District made significant changes in the school lunch program after receiving a USDA Farm to School Planning Grant in 2018 and meeting goals in less than 18 months due to district wide and community support. The implementation project will continue to build momentum in the region to expand the farm to school programs in two other school districts, Union Community School District and Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District, including local procurement and agricultural education efforts. Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District is working with the University of Northern Iowa Local Food Program and each district to expand their farm to school programs. The districts combined reach five counties in Iowa and have the opportunity to serve 4,750 students a homemade meal using local ingredients that help support local farmers and the local economy.

Kansas

Fresh Farm HQ Cooperative Association - \$47,216

Kansas City, Kansas

Grant Type: Planning

The Fresh Farm HQ Cooperative Association (DBA: Kansas City Food Hub) is a cooperative association of seventeen small and medium-sized farms aggregating produce, protein and value-added goods to meet the needs of the metro's restaurants and institutions. Kansas City Food will work with sub-grantee, KC Farm School at Gibbs Road to develop a comprehensive Farm to School to Farm Action Plan and Roadmap for producers and purchasers. The collaboration will lead to the creation of a replicable model that includes on-farm agricultural education curriculum and the development of a roadmap for others to use for marketing and communication to secure local food procurement agreements.

Kansas Rural Center - \$99,863

Topeka, Kansas

Grant Type: Implementation

The Kansas Rural Center and its farm to school partners, through workshops, community gatherings, and storytelling, will provide educational programs and training. The project will strengthen: 1.) Farmers' knowledge of how to produce food safely for schools and the market opportunities, and how to work with school food programs through training; 2.) Community involvement and understanding of farm to school programs and specific needs or opportunities through town halls and success stories; and 3.) Youth understanding of where and how food is grown through farm visits and increased access to local food in school meal programs.

Kansas State Department of Education - \$96,648

Topeka, Kansas

Grant Type: State Agency

KSDE will work with Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas State Research and Extension to improve access to local foods in Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) by supporting comprehensive farm to CNP programming that includes local procurement and agricultural education efforts. KSDE will award sub-grants through a competitive application process to support CNPs in increasing the amount of local food served, as part of CNPs. Priority will be given to CNPs that serve at least 40% of children eligible for free or reduced priced meals. KSDE will also enhance its traveling educational Body Venture exhibit for students in K-5 to include agricultural education, with a Farm to Plate focus.

Kentucky

Fleming County Schools - \$50,000

Flemingsburg, Kentucky

Grant Type: Planning

The Farm to School planning grant will develop an Action Plan for the Fleming County Schools (FCS) Second Generation (2G) Farm to School Program, which will prepare students to become Farm to School farmers, through access to a state of the art Farm to School Lab and access to a strategic Farm to School curriculum. Through these program development efforts, the 2G Farm to School program will offer new and impactful learning opportunities for students while providing hands-on learning opportunities. Targeted professional development workshops for teachers and food service staff will connect the Farm to School learning concepts to CORE curriculum and STEM concepts while simultaneously encouraging students to make healthier food choices through the direct connection to the production process. Meanwhile, the

connection with local and regional farmers will increase and improve access to local foods in our schools.

Frankfort Independent Board Of Education - \$39,343

Frankfort, Kentucky

Grant Type: Planning

Frankfort Independent Schools (FIS) is a community-based school district located in downtown Frankfort, Kentucky. FIS is looking to deepen its commitment to collaborating with families and the community through implementing a comprehensive farm to school program. Through this program, FIS aims to regularly incorporate local foods into the school menu; educate the school community about nutrition, food, and agriculture; build community partnerships; and create school gardens that expand learning opportunities, increase student engagement, produce food, and add beauty to the school environment. The farm to school planning grant will bolster community enthusiasm and support for farm to school efforts with the resources and support required to launch a thoughtful, comprehensive farm to school program in Frankfort.

Nelson County School District - \$100,000

Bardstown, Kentucky

Grant Type: Implementation

The Nelson County Schools NPOWERED Farm to School Program uses experiential learning in hydroponics, greenhouse, and school garden activities to provide fresh, local foods for school cafes. Students also participate in apprenticeships with local farm entities to create gateways to agricultural learning and horticulture. Taste testing and sampling of foods grown in the school-based programs and with Guthrie Opportunity Center provide nutritional education for students and families.

The Kentucky Horticulture Council - \$99,898

Lexington, Kentucky

Grant Type: Implementation

Saved by the Bell: Cultivating Farm to School Activities in Southeastern Kentucky will train and connect schools and farmers within the project area to improve access to local foods, through a farm to school program, with local procurement and agricultural education efforts. Program partners will achieve this objective by: 1) Promoting understanding of local food, farmers, and production practices by food service personnel and students in 6 school districts resulting in increased interest in, demand for, and receptivity to consuming locally-produced items; 2) Providing technical assistance to at least 12 new and experienced local produce growers to increase farmer comfort in navigating school food market procurement and bid processes and strategies to ensure products satisfy school purchasing requirements; and 3) Developing,

conducting market research, and establishing a supply chain that introduces at least one cost-effective, convenient, locally-grown product to the school food market.

Louisiana

Recirculating Farms Coalition, Inc. - \$49,984

New Orleans, Louisiana

Grant Type: Planning

The Recirculating Farms Coalition, a food and farm organization, cooperatively with the NET Charter Schools, where 100% of students qualify for F/R meals, will develop a comprehensive F2S Action Plan for F2S education and local food procurement for NET schools that can be replicated at other similarly situated schools. The project will develop creative ways to bring fresh local food into NET schools, expanding a successful pilot project into the NETs regular long-term practice and curriculum. The pilot included hands-on farming, farm-to-table health-supportive cooking and offered fresh food at school activities and events, and for students to take home. Plans include an on-site garden, outreach to students, their families, and the community for input and to increase participation; training STEM and career preparation (e.g. culinary arts) teachers to use the garden as an educational tool; and using food from the garden in cooking and nutrition courses and school activities and events.

Maine

Cumberland County Food Security Council - \$100,000

Yarmouth, Maine

Grant Type: Implementation

The project is based on Cumberland County Food Security Council's unprecedented school food system assessment, which provided the proposal clear guidance and a solid foundation to support lifelong increased consumption of good local food by Portland, Maine students. The "Local Food Fuels Learning" Farm to School project will increase local procurement in Portland Public Schools by five percent. It will increase participation in school food by the 3,777 students eligible for free and reduced price meals by five percent. The project creates labor efficiencies and adds processing equipment to Central Kitchen to facilitate more local food processing. It involves students in agriculture education, "Good Food Clubs", menu development, and taste tests. It creates a school food brand that appeals to students, parents and staff.

Gulf of Maine Research Institute - \$97,391

Portland, Maine

Grant Type: Implementation

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) will increase the amount of local seafood served in schools around New England, thus increasing access to healthy, local protein for students and

increasing demand for fish caught by New England fishermen. GMRI will secure pledges from school districts around New England to create a community of schools committed to increasing the amount of seafood they serve. GMRI will also facilitate connections and communication between local seafood processors and school foodservice operators to improve local seafood procurement. Finally, GMRI will provide resources for schools to ensure uptake of local seafood, and will pilot education and engagement strategies to increase seafood consumption.

Maine School Administrative District 30 - \$48,415

Lee, Maine

Grant Type: Planning

Maine School Administrative District 30 (MSAD 30) will serve as the lead applicant of a joint Farm to School planning grant for three districts in rural Penobscot County, Maine. MSAD 30, East Millinocket Public Schools, and the Millinocket School Department will use funds to increase local fruit and vegetable procurement and agricultural education for their 972 K-12 students by developing a Farm to School Action Plan.

Maryland

Waterkeepers Chesapeake/Fair Farms - \$99,704

Takoma Park, Maryland

Grant Type: Implementation

Frederick County Public Schools, Community FARE and other partners will work towards their 2025 goal of 10% locally sourced produce in a mix of 10 rural, urban and suburban elementary, middle and high schools, the majority with over 50% free and reduced meals. The project team will continue farmer interviews and production planning, utilize, and evaluate, digital solutions for procurement and tracking local purchases, support Harvest of the Month and taste tests, continue to test and evaluate field trips, curriculum development, and share tables, monitor change in school lunch purchases, and build a plan for long-term Farm to School program sustainability. Waterkeepers Chesapeake/Fair Farms serves as fiscal agent for this project.

Massachusetts

Ascentria Community Services, SNAP-education Program - \$37,334

Worcester, Massachusetts

Grant Type: Planning

Ascentria Community Service, Inc.'s (Ascentria) SNAP-Education Program (SNAP-Ed), in collaboration with West Springfield Public Schools (WSPS) will develop a comprehensive action plan to expand farm to school initiatives for three piloting school sites. Ascentria's SNAP-Ed staff will work with WSPS and community stakeholders to establish a farm to school leadership committee that will oversee this project and determine best practices for developing a

sustainable farm to school program. Strategies to be incorporated into the resulting action plan will aim to increase student engagement in nutrition and school garden-based learning opportunities, develop a school compost and food-waste reduction pilot program, and increase the availability of locally grown foods in school cafeterias.

Codman Square Health Center - \$96,883

Dorchester, Massachusetts

Grant Type: Implementation

Codman Academy Charter Public School will enhance, expand and deepen the Farm to School planning efforts for a replicable, sustainable and impactful nutritious food service program. The project will also be socially just, environmentally and financially sustainable, increase local procurement efforts and agricultural education implementation for students. The project will also include agriculture lessons, garden building, and connection with the local and regional food producers. By structuring the program with current and existing vendors and partners and approaching it by school semester, the project plan to continually increase the procurement efforts in the kitchen and maintain the indoor and outdoor school gardens throughout the season, with professional guidance and supervision. With established co-located partners including the Codman Square Health Center, Daily Table grocery store and Green City Growers, Holly Hill Farm, Urban Farming Institute and Oasis on Ballou, the project will strengthen the network of support for the program.

Regional Environmental Council, Inc. - \$91,656

Worcester, Massachusetts

Grant Type: Implementation

The Regional Environmental Council will support agricultural education efforts at North High School, Vernon Street School, and May Street School. Working with three Worcester public schools and three identified, committed, and geographically proximate community partner organizations, REC will 1) Develop a replicable partnership model which will increase the sustainability of existing school gardens by creating structured programs for summer maintenance, 2) Increase student exposure to farm activities and build student/parent knowledge of local food resources through field trips to local urban farm sites and visits from the Mobile Farmers Market, and 3) Expand experiential learning opportunities by working in collaboration with teachers, administrators, and parents to develop and implement grade level specific integrated curriculum for each school site to ensure sustainable long term integration of the school garden into the culture of the school.

Somerville Public Schools - \$50,000

Somerville, Massachusetts

Grant Type: Planning

The Somerville Public Schools (SPS) Food Service Department works diligently to provide good food inspiration and education so that Somerville's youth can eat well all day long - both in school

and at home. SPS will ultimately benefit nearly 5,000 students in a richly diverse community. The project will continue building the Farm to School system. In addition, the project will create a Farm to School Planning team to create an action plan. The planning team will include district and department staff member from communications, wellness and food service departments and member of key partner organizations, such as Shape Up Somerville, Groundwork Somerville, and Drumlin Farms.

Third Sector New England - \$71,941

Boston, Massachusetts

Grant Type: Implementation

Massachusetts Farm to School will work with the MA Department of Agricultural Resources to increase local foods sourcing and education at schools by establishing a Commonwealth Quality School Garden Food Safety program and conducting trainings for school personnel. Additionally, the project will work with the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project to train new farmers and utilize their existing food hub to grow, aggregate and deliver produce to schools in Northeastern Massachusetts.

Michigan

Kids' Food Basket - \$100,000

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Grant Type: Implementation

Kids' Food Basket will establish a year-round Farm to School program between their 10-acre urban farm and Title 1 schools within the Kent Intermediate School District where more than 50,000 students are eligible to receive the National School Lunch Program. The program will target 5 schools and 50 school-aged groups to engage in farm to school activities. Kids' Food Basket Farm will utilize learning gardens, a greenhouse and a demonstration kitchen for onsite cooking lessons during the summer months and harvest season. Classroom nutrition education and taste tests will take place at the schools during the school day to promote the consumption of farm fresh produce and healthy eating behaviors that improve health outcomes lifelong.

Michigan Department of Education - \$50,047

Lansing, Michigan

Grant Type: State Agency

Michigan Department of Education will convene with key partners and champion Food Service Directors to develop a series of farm to school training videos on the topics of procurement, agriculture education, farm to program, school gardens, food safety, food prep, culinary arts, and more. These videos will be used in future Michigan USDA Child Nutrition program and partner organization trainings.

Mid-Michigan District Health Department - \$43,560

Stanton, Michigan

Grant Type: Planning

The project will lay the foundation for increased consumption of local fresh fruits and vegetables at two public school districts (Greenville Public Schools, Tri County Area Schools) in Montcalm County, Michigan. Key partners include the two participating school districts, local public health department, Healthy Montcalm steering committee, and local produce growers. The objective of the project is to improve access to local foods in eligible schools by developing a comprehensive Farm to School program that includes local procurement and agricultural education efforts by developing a Farm to School Action Plan, write an Agricultural Education Plan and Procurement Assessment Plan.

Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Grand Rapids - \$85,039

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Grant Type: Implementation

The YMCA will collaborate with HOPE Gardens to design and implement a garden and nutrition education program for schools in Wyoming, Michigan from July 2020-June 2022. The project will engage in developing and implementing shared strategies to provide collaborative, hands-on experiential learning around gardening and nutrition. Improving the attitudes, knowledge and access to healthy food and increasing opportunities for students to learn about gardening and nutrition while gaining self-esteem and social skills will be the goal.

Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Agriculture - \$99,811

St. Paul, Minnesota

Grant Type: State Agency

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture will create a statewide Harvest of the Month (HOTM) program to increase local procurement and further agricultural education. The project will feature three focus areas: (1) Develop and implement marketing materials and curricular resources; (2) Improve producer/school nutrition procurement supports; and (3) Strengthen statewide coordination to ensure success and sustainability. The Minnesota Departments of Education and Health, along with University of Minnesota Extension and state Farm to School Leadership Team, will be close project partners. HOTM will feature a locally grown product monthly in school meals and agricultural and nutrition education. Following a pilot year that includes 10 districts, MDA will create resources for implementation in schools across the state to improve access to local foods.

Northern Pines Medical Center - \$100,000

Aurora, Minnesota

Grant Type: Implementation

Mesabi East Schools will expand its F2S program by having the ability to staff a Farm to School Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator. These positions would allow networking with local producers/growers by increasing the number of contracts awarded, neighboring school districts who have expressed interest would be able to use the expertise and contacts of the Farm to School Coordinator in implementing their programs, and essential time would be available to educate students about sustainability while tending to the school gardens. The key partners include the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator, the School Board, the Farm to School Committee, the St. Louis County Health Educator, the Rutabaga Project Director, and the Essentia Health Community Health Specialist.

Sherburne County - \$49,925

Elk River, Minnesota

Grant Type: Planning

Sherburne County Seeds to Schools (STS) will develop a comprehensive farm to school action plan for Sherburne County. The project will focus on five public and one charter elementary school in the Elk River area and will include creating a local procurement advisory council, piloting farm to school strategies, establishing partnerships with local farmers and agricultural producers, assess product availability, and researching curricula to support farm to school activities. STS will collaborate closely with Minnesota's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) and focus on the three C's of farm to school: cafeteria, curriculum, and community

Special School District No. 1 - \$100,000

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Grant Type: Implementation

Minnesota Public Schools will increase student access to local foods by building educational connections between district cafeterias, school gardens, and the MPS Education Farm. The project will increase student consumption of local foods as well as deepen student understanding of the agricultural food system, the components of healthy eating, and the importance of local foods. The project focuses on three specific, yet connected, areas of work: 1) developing an agriculture education program at the MPS Education Farm; 2) expanding agriculture education at schools; and 3) increasing local procurement. Both the agricultural education and the procurement efforts integrate the Farm to School (F2S) Fabulous Five: kale, kohlrabi, legumes, radishes, and squash.

Sprout MN - \$50,795

Little Falls, Minnesota

Grant Type: Implementation

Sprout MN aims to grow Farm to School by maximizing current resources through hands on "Train the Trainer" to improve access to local foods in eligible schools. The project will engage students,

local culinary experts, and food service staff to develop recipes that maximize Minnesota's short growing season of local commodities. The project will also create a model for farm to school stakeholders to communicate assets and challenges, finding solutions through interactive and educational experiences.

Urban Ventures - \$37,500

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Grant Type: Planning

The goal of Urban Ventures is to see every child in a 25-square block radius graduate from high school and continue on to post-secondary education. Food insecurity and poor nutrition are huge players contributing to poor graduation rates. To address these challenges, the Urban Ventures Farm and Nutrition Program operates a 6-acre farm that produces local, affordable, organic produce for a low income neighborhood designated as a food desert. Through partnership with the University of Minnesota School of Horticulture Science and Agriculture, the project plans to operate a Mobile Farmers Market for Kids at two urban elementary schools with 94% free and reduced lunch respectively. The project will including building a collaborative effort between urban farm, community partners and schools that will serve the nutritional needs of the schools.

Mississippi

Delta Health Alliance, Inc. - \$99,761

Stoneville, Mississippi

Grant Type: Implementation

The Delta EATS (Edible Agriculture Teaching Students) collaborative seeks to improve agricultural education and develop new procurement relationships with local farmers to improve 1,196 public school students' understanding of and exposure to locally grown produce. The project's collaborators include McEvans Elementary, Sanders Elementary, Leland Accelerated Elementary, Leland School Park Middle, Leland Career and Technical Center, FoodCORPS of Mississippi and the Mississippi Farm to School Network.

Scientific Research (SR1) - \$50,000

Ridgeland, Mississippi

Grant Type: Planning

Scientific Research's (SR1) vision is a nation of food equity in which every child in every school has access to fresh, healthy and delicious food every day. SR1 will work with local school districts, parents, and community members to build a "whole setting approach" to support and sustain schools transition to fresh whole foods through menu audits and food tasting, farm-to-school curriculum, local agriculture and procurement, and hands on farm-to-school experiences. The whole setting approach will be an evidence-based intervention method that works to change food culture, contributes to community-wide whole systems change, and has an impact on

education, sustainability, inequalities, communities, and health. The project will accomplish the objective to improve access to local foods in eligible schools by developing a comprehensive farm-to-school program that includes local procurement and agricultural education efforts. SR1 will utilize the below proven methods and strategies to design a robust farm-to-school planning program.

Missouri

EarthDance - \$50,000

Ferguson, Missouri

Grant Type: Planning

EarthDance is a 14-acre farm and nonprofit organization located in Ferguson, Missouri, dedicated to educating community members about organic agriculture and healthy eating. EarthDance will develop a plan to supply its produce to Ferguson-Florissant School District (FFSD) schools; encourage student engagement with fresh food; help develop an agri-culinary program at The Innovation School at Cool Valley; and assess the baseline use and potential of existing school gardens. FFSD has a 100% free/reduced lunch rate and 89.6% of students are minorities. This project will benefit more than 10,000 students, along with FFSD faculty and staff, and students' families. Key partners will include administrators from the Ferguson-Florissant School District and The Innovation School at Cool Valley, a third-party evaluator, and a farm-to-school consultant.

North Callaway R-1 School District - \$49,996

Kingdom City, Missouri

Grant Type: Planning

North Callaway will create a school-garden pilot program utilizing collaboration between preschool students and high school agriculture career-education student-mentors. The Farm to School Grant Committee will be a subcommittee of the Wellness Committee tasked with creating and implementing the Farm to School Action Plan. The project will create a comprehensive, hands-on, age-appropriate, vertically aligned curriculum for PK-12 grade students incorporating agriculture, wellness, and science. The project will allow the district to network with an established local farm to school program. Utilizing their first-hand knowledge will help the district to overcome area-specific obstacles and gain a better understanding of operations.

Saint Louis Public Schools - \$100,000

Saint Louis, Missouri

Grant Type: Implementation

St. Louis Public Schools will build on existing Farm to School activities to create a district-wide initiative that will affect 71 schools with 22,000 students. In addition to district-wide activities, the project will expand a school garden partnership to five elementary schools and enhance an

existing culinary arts program at a high school to process local produce for district procurement. Students will create prepared foods such as soups and sauces from local produce that will be served in school cafeterias. Partners will support each initiative: Gateway Greening, Southwest Foodservice Excellence, and Holistic Organic Sustainable Cooperative.

Montana

Hardin Public School District 17 H & 1 - \$75,000

Hardin, Montana

Grant Type: Implementation

Hardin Public School District 17H & 1 will expand farm to school efforts within Big Horn County by increasing access to and knowledge of local foods through the development of traditional foods curriculum. The farm to school program reflects a comprehensive approach to local procurement and agriculture education with integrated curriculum and the development of a high tunnel and greenhouse on school grounds with hands-on apprenticeships for students to engage with local food systems.

Missoula County Public Schools - \$100,000

Missoula, Montana

Grant Type: Implementation

The Missoula County Public School's (MCPS) Agriculture Center and Meat Processing Facility will develop a school farm and meat processing facility management plan that will allow the Agriculture Center to increase the amount of local beef produced for the MCPS food service program. The Agriculture teachers will create a Farm to School Lunch advisory committee that will develop systems and procedures to increase farm and meat lab efficiency and identify key areas where curriculum could be infused into the management of the school farm and meat-processing lab. All MCPS students will have the opportunity to participate in the production of the beef in their school lunches through a comprehensive 'conception to consumption' curriculum. A well-developed management plan will ensure the future sustainability and growth of the program."

Polson School District #23 - \$55,495

Polson, Montana

Grant Type: Implementation

The project will develop a farm to school educator position in the Polson School District. This position will build upon the partnership established by the AmeriCorps FoodCorps program. This position is responsible for coordinating food related education with an emphasis on local food to benefit students. The farm to school educator will play a lead role working with students, parents, and school personnel.

Nebraska

Burwell Public Schools - \$38,725

Burwell, Nebraska

Grant Type: Planning

Burwell Public Schools will develop a Farm to School Action Plan that will provide the framework for building a culture where locally sourced foods are served in the cafeteria with Farm to School curriculum and hands on activities for students K-12. The plan will explore new relationships with local agricultural producers for food procurement, student garden and greenhouse opportunities, recipe development and taste testing events for students. Students will gain valuable habits in making healthy food choices that will decrease their risks for developing heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Students will explore agricultural careers that will directly affect the future of economic development in Burwell, Nebraska.

Nebraska Department of Education - \$99,070

Lincoln, Nebraska

Grant Type: State Agency

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) will collaborate with Nebraska Extension to expand statewide capacity in farm to school implementation and programming. NDE and Extension will collaborate to train Extension professionals on farm to school practices, providing resources, trainings, and technical assistance. These partners will deliver a Nebraska Farm to School Institute for up to eight competitively awarded school or district farm to school teams from across the state. Sub awards will be provided to the teams in order to assist in attending the Institute, and to support implementation of each teams' farm to school action plans developed at the Institute.

Nevada

Nevada Department of Agriculture - \$50,013

Sparks, Nevada

Grant Type: State Agency

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) will hire a contract, part-time Farm to School Coordinator (F2SC) to dedicate the time and effort necessary to build farm to school momentum, education and procurement in Nevada. The F2SC will work closely with the NDA School Nutrition Supervisor/F2S Project Director and NDA Plant Industry Division (PID) partners to identify local producers who will be potentially interested in collaborating with school districts to grow and successfully sell products to Child Nutrition Programs. The F2SC will also organize networking events at statewide conferences, as well as local producer visiting events to school sites, for local procurement and agriculture education promotion.

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Department of Education - \$50,132

Concord, New Hampshire

Grant Type: State Agency

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NH DOE) will implement a three-pronged approach to increase connections made for NH Farm to School. The NH DOE in collaboration with NH Farm to School will plan and execute a fall 2020 NH Farm to School Conference. School food service directors, teachers, and other farm to school stakeholders will learn local procurement strategies, nutrition and agriculture education information and best practices to increase the amount of local foods served in schools especially in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). The NH DOE will then produce training videos in the spring of 2021 to empower school kitchen teams to efficiently process local foods for all programs with a focus on fresh fruits and vegetables for the FFVP program. The final approach will be the creation of a local procurement toolkit, which will be piloted by three schools in different regions of the state. Once evaluated the toolkit will be disseminated to all schools in State

Somersworth City School System - \$96,664

Somersworth, New Hampshire

Grant Type: Implementation

The Somersworth School District consist of 1,482 students in four schools and is located in Strafford County, which ranks eighth out of the 10 New Hampshire counties for health outcomes. The District's participation in free and reduced meals remains at 46% since Somersworth's 2018 USDA planning grant. The project will collaborate with Seacoast Area Mobile Market (SAMM), which purchases from school gardens. The K-8 schools will also participate in SAMM education programs to engage students and their families in local food economy, nutrition education, garden and farm education and environmental impacts of eating locally. The project will also expand school composting efforts with increased district support, increase community connections to local foods and farms, expand sustainability-focused student leadership opportunities, and enhance outdoor classroom environments and service learning at all schools, and throughout the greater Somersworth community.

The Cornucopia Project - \$100,000

Peterborough, New Hampshire

Grant Type: Implementation

For more than a decade, the Cornucopia Project has delivered a continuum of "edible education" to children in the Monadnock Region of Southern New Hampshire. The project will allow for the expansion of experiential and curriculum-based, hands-on education in elementary school gardens, in teaching kitchens and on the Cornucopia Educational Farm, a one acre organic farm, providing hundreds of students in grades K-12 first-hand opportunities to connect to where good food comes from. Funds will also support the organization's ability to outreach into and connect

with schools in the region and to make more local produce available from the Cornucopia Farm to students through food service programs.

New Jersey

Greater Newark Conservancy - \$100,000

Newark, New Jersey

Grant Type: Implementation

Greater Newark Conservancy will team up with Avon Elementary School, Harriet Tubman Elementary School, Hawthorne Avenue Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey, to deliver farm-to-school programming to up to 1,000 students during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. The Conservancy will also engage with food services managers and suppliers of local produce to connect local students to locally grown fruits and vegetables through farm-to-school education and improved food literacy. An increased knowledge base among students, teachers and food services managers about the benefits of consuming locally grown fruits and vegetables will increase demand for local produce and attract more suppliers to sell to public schools in Newark.

New Mexico

Bernalillo Public Schools - \$73,012

Bernalillo, New Mexico

Grant Type: Implementation

Bernalillo Public Schools consists of a little less than 3,000 students, K-12th grade, who come from various communities throughout Sandoval County. The project will work with key stakeholders and our school sites from Algodones ES, Bernalillo MS, Santo Domingo ES/MS and Cochiti ES/MS to educate students on gardens vs. farming and learn about Tribal Lands and traditional techniques vs greenhouses that will be built at each site. The project activities will improve access to local food in eligible school, and identify both local procurement and agricultural education efforts to implement as part of the project.

Center of Southwest Culture, Inc. - \$33,852

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Grant Type: Planning

The Center of Southwest Culture will develop a comprehensive Farm to School Action Plan that integrates both agricultural education and local procurement to help address the severe childhood food insecurity in New Mexico while also providing economic growth for local Indigenous and Latino farmers. The Center of Southwest Culture will work closely with both formal and informal school leaders to establish a strong School Advisory Team, and will identify farmers, food service personnel and local procurement experts to establish a strong Local

Procurement Team. These teams will collaborate with CSC staff to develop a plan that is both successful and sustainable.

Espanola Public Schools - \$37,500

Espanola, New Mexico

Grant Type: Planning

The Espanola Public Schools Farm to Freezer Project will create a conduit from "farm to freezer to cafeteria" that will improve access to local foods in our schools by procuring produce from local farms and orchards during the harvest season and freezing it for use throughout the school year. The project will plan a "Farm to Freezer" effort that will enable a robust system for purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables from Española Valley farmers in season and freezing them for use in our cafeterias throughout the school year. This effort will also include the planning of new agricultural education and promotions designed to encourage students to consume healthy foods that are grown in their own community.

New Mexico Department of Public Education - \$99,062

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Grant Type: State Agency

The New Mexico Public Education Department will demonstrate the viability of an integrated, streamlined farm to school procurement system administered by the State agency and driven by documented barriers experienced by growers and school buyers. Project objectives will help bolster the farm to school value chain at key advantage points through strategic investment in the critical technical assistance areas of food safety, wholesale readiness, and production planning for farmers, school buyers, and school garden practitioners. Student-grown produce from school garden and/or farm programs will be integrated into the project to assure the safety of products moving into school meals, and build administrative support for agricultural education on school grounds across New Mexico.

New York

Capital Region BOCES - \$97,696

Albany, New York

Grant Type: Implementation

Capital Region BOCES will weighted average free and reduced-price lunch rate for all 26 school districts is 42% and will targets eight Opportunity Zones, including six in the city of Albany and two in the city of Schenectady. The project will work with small, local farmers and producers that would otherwise not have the means to distribute to schools. Using an existing delivery truck, Capital Region BOCES will work with partners to distribute foods to local school districts. The project will also be used to implement agricultural curriculum at the elementary and secondary levels, affecting students at participating school districts. The project will improve local

procurement efforts by increasing the number of local producers who reach schools. The project will also concentrate on working with small farmers that might not have the means to access a distributor.

City School District of the City Of Lockport - \$50,000

Lockport, New York

Grant Type: Planning

The Lockport City School District (LCSD), located in Niagara County, New York, one of the richest agricultural regions in the country, serves over 4,500 Pre-Kindergarten to grade 12 children and their families in the City and Town of Lockport, making it inclusive of rural, suburban, and urban communities. LCSD's Farm to School (F2S) program will complete an Action Plan to improve access to local foods in schools through local procurement and agricultural education, the majority of the activities will be used to collect data; engage stakeholders; identify, plan for overcoming barriers; assess needs and gaps and feasibility; provide training, outreach and education; and purchase materials.

Hyde Leadership Charter School – Brooklyn - \$49,965

Brooklyn, New York

Grant Type: Planning

Hyde Leadership Charter School-Brooklyn serves an extremely at-risk and in-need population of about 500 students, all of whom live in an urban center that is overwhelmed by poverty and crime. The project will collaborate with Cornell University and East New York Farms, which will establish a comprehensive action plan to increase access to fresh, healthy foods among high-poverty students living in one of Brooklyn's poorest neighborhoods. The project initiatives are primarily focused on encouraging students and their families to eat healthy.

Olean City School District - \$48,325

Olean, New York

Grant Type: Planning

The Olean City School District will hire a Farm to School Farmer Educator. This person will move the district from having a no Farm to School program to a fully operating program. The Educator will establish an action plan to build a team to include teachers, administrators and food service workers and students to develop a vision, identify local farmers and food vendors and develop relationships with these groups. The team will work with various school personnel to determine how these changes could be integrated into current curriculum. Students will participate in surveys to identify the gaps in the existing programs. Evaluating purchasing procedures, as well as the implementation of herb gardens and a waste recycling program are among the projects the district wants to complete. Menu planning and food safety will be another charge of the team to ensure that program changes are sustainable within the existing food service framework.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District - \$29,026

Ravena, New York

Grant Type: Planning

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (RCS) Central School District's Farm to School Planning Grant Project activities will positively impact 1,919 prekindergarten-grade 12 students, as well as school staff members and the larger RCS community. The district will tap into a network of volunteers, community organizations, local farmers and previously successful farm to school programs to create a Farm to School Team, including such key partners as St. Peter's Health Partners, Farmer Jon's Produce and STARS Intergen (the latter being a community organization that links older adults and RCS students for intergenerational activities). RCS' proposed F2S activities will lay a foundation for launching F2S activities in the district. All activities support the development of a Farm to School Action Plan that is aligned with the objective of improving access to local foods in eligible schools by developing a comprehensive farm to school program that includes local procurement and agricultural education efforts.

Rural Development Leadership Network - \$50,000

New York, New York

Grant Type: Planning

The Rural Development Leadership Network (RDLN) and Mississippians Engaged in Greener Agriculture (MEGA) have worked together to enhance the knowledge, skills, practices and productivity of local Mississippi Delta farmers, particularly through grants in support of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers over the past four years. The goal of the Farm to School Leaders Planning Initiative is to engage partners in Bolivar County, Mississippi, in developing a detailed plan for Farm to School work. The plan will include primarily procurement from local farmers, promotion of school gardens and promoting awareness of the importance of eating locally grown food among community members, including parents, students, school officials and others. This project will work within three school districts in Bolivar County, MS, all of which have a majority of students who qualify for free lunch. It will bring fresh and local produce to students to improve student and community health.

Rural Health Network of South Central New York, Inc. - \$100,000

Binghamton, New York

Grant Type: Implementation

The Strengthening Farm to School in the Southern Tier project takes a comprehensive approach to increase capacity of farm to school programs in 15 school districts in Broome and Tioga Counties. The project will increase access to local food for K-12 students by expanding the successful NY Thursday farm to school meal program, including increased frequency of NY Thursday lunches and variety of local products. The project will meet a critical need by focusing on hands-on culinary training and professional development for Food Service staff in order to store, process, cook, and promote local food in school meals. Rural Health Network, Broome Tioga BOCES and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County will collaborate to create new

opportunities for hands-on learning and engagement, including developing curriculum to connect students with the source of their food, regional agriculture and nutrition. AmeriCorps members will further enhance learning through taste tests and school gardens.

Sidney Central School District - \$52,514

Sidney, New York

Grant Type: Implementation

Sidney CSD will expand its Farm to School (F2S) program by increasing its procurement of locally sourced produce and food products for breakfast and lunch service. In partnership with the Rural Health Network of South Central New York and SUNY Delhi, Sidney CSD will build relationships with local farms and develop new recipes that align with New York State seasonality. The project will also expand agriculture and nutrition education through improvements to school gardens and developing a PreK-12 F2S curriculum guide with district educators.

The New Lebanon Central School District - \$54,931

New Lebanon, New York

Grant Type: Implementation

The New Lebanon Farm to School Initiative began because of concerns about the proper nutrition of students, leading to efforts to find ways to educate them about healthy choices and to identify a means of providing students with access to a greater range of local fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products during the school day. District records indicate that 80% of all 414 K-12 students (40 percent of whom qualify for free-reduced lunch) regularly consume school cafeteria meals, creating a significant opportunity for impacting the physical health of students as well as educating them about good nutrition, and the value of the resources produced by their farming neighbors. The district will address these concerns by utilizing a majority of Farm to School grant funds to purchase equipment, which will support the safe freezing, dehydrating, and canning of these foods during the growing season in order to utilize them for school breakfasts and lunches.

Westchester Ellenville Regional Hospital Inc. - \$50,000

Ellenville, New York

Grant Type: Planning

Ellenville Regional hospital in collaboration with its partners will engage school personnel, local producers, community stakeholders and students as it develops an Action Plan that will introduce and sustain a farm to school initiative. This project will involve developing a school based wellness committee comprised of stakeholders and community members. The committee will be tasked with developing a plan to implement local foods awareness and develop an agricultural education curriculum.

North Carolina

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project - \$99,553

Asheville, North Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project, in partnership with school nutrition directors, produce distributors (Carolina Produce, August Produce, and Marvin's Produce), and area farmers, will develop an efficient and sustainable local procurement system for school systems that will increase local procurement by getting local product into the distribution channels that are already being utilized by schools. Menus, recipe cards and stickers, farmer profiles, and produce posters will be used to promote the local products being served. Community members will be trained to conduct cafeteria taste tests so that the taste tests may continue after the project is over. Teachers will be trained on how to integrate the cafeteria taste tests into their course of study, as well as to add other agricultural education components such as classroom cooking, farm field trips, and edible school gardens.

Central Park School for Children \$32,374

Durham, North Carolina

Grant Type: Planning

With Farms and Food: A Collaborative Urban Learning Model, Central Park School for Children will create a model to improve access to local foods in urban Durham schools. This will be accomplished by (1) creating a replicable farms- and food-based experiential curriculum rooted Project-Based Learning, (2) building a strong network of educators, farmers, and nutrition experts to design a Farm to School Action Plan, (3) increasing access and exposure to local foods for all children; and (4) valuing Black and Hispanic/Latinx farmers and farming history. This work will influence the greater Durham community of educators, farmers, and food workers, in addition to the students at CPSC and other urban students through replication of the model.

North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Juvenile Justice Educational Services - \$100,000

RaleighNorth, Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation

The Stonewall Jackson Youth Development Center's Farm to School program proposes to build a greenhouse to increase the production of fruits and vegetables year-round. The project will provide agricultural education and promote healthy food choices for students through production activities. It will also provide a vocational opportunity to implement a transitional program for older students. The project will serve as a model, for replication at three other youth development centers in the state, thus expanding healthy eating options and vocational training across North Carolina.

Real School Gardens (dba Out Teach) - \$100,000

Charlotte, North Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation

In partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and nutrition experts from Mecklenburg Health Department, area hospitals, and the American Culinary Federation Chefs of Charlotte, Out Teach will help teachers at 10 Title I schools in North Carolina. We will strengthen students' exposure to, knowledge about, and attitudes toward healthy food and nutrition. The students will increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables through directly incentivizing healthier choices in the school cafeteria, and through presentations and taste tests by professional chefs, in alignment with the state's fourth-grade nutrition education curriculum.

Working Landscapes - \$99,990

Warrenton, North Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation

This project will benefit students across a 21-county region of northeastern North Carolina. Working Landscapes and its partners will increase school procurement of healthy, locally grown food by linking small farmers to cafeterias through our value-added processing hub, which specializes in making local food convenient for busy school cooks. The key partners include Halifax County Schools, the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School, and Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center. Elementary classrooms in three districts will receive the Harvest Box—a monthly delivery of seasonal produce to prepare, along with a Core Curriculum-aligned lesson plan. These classes will also be supported in growing their own garden harvests, while high school student farmers will be trained to supply cafeterias themselves.

North Dakota

Dickinson Public School District - \$49,571

Dickinson, North Dakota

Grant Type: Planning

The Dickinson Public School District will use funds to increase local fruit and vegetable procurement and agricultural education for its 4,085 K-12 students in Stark County, North Dakota. The district will develop an agriculture education pathway for K-8 students that connects to the high school's agriculture courses, promote healthy eating habits, and create a Farm to School Action Plan for sustainability. The district will collaborate with North Dakota State University's Cooperative Extension to complete the proposed project.

Ohio

Community Roots – \$47,885

Mount Vernon, Ohio
Grant Type: Planning

Mount Vernon City School District is home to almost 4,000 students in six elementary schools, a middle school and a high school. The main objective of the Farm to MV Project is to build a sustainable, comprehensive Farm to School Program focused on local food procurement, agricultural education and school gardens focused on building the program using a Farm to School Action Plan. Farm to MV will build a Farm to School program by strengthening farmer partnerships, reviving and building school gardens, and working with curriculum specialists and teachers to integrate K-12 curriculum that compliments standards while enhancing agriculture education. This will be possible through the hiring of a full-time Farm to School Coordinator, creation of a Farm to School Action Team, and collaboration of several community health and education organizations.

Federal Hocking Local School District - \$99,817

Stewart, Ohio
Grant Type: Implementation

Federal Hocking Local School District (FHLS) will develop, implement, and share a system for identifying and ordering local food products. FHLS will collaborate with Rural Action and leverage their 25 years of experience in rural development and Farm to School network creation to connect with a wide network of producers. The project will build a long-term system for easy local procurement, launch a district wide Farm to School educational and marketing plan, and develop a replicable Farm to School toolkit that works for rural schools, cafeteria staff and local farmers.

Nightingale Montessori, Inc. - \$100,000

Springfield, Ohio
Grant Type: Implementation

Nightingale Montessori, Inc. will expand the outdoor classroom learning gardens and equip a community teaching kitchen facility so that it can pilot a living laboratory classroom for hosting community workshops. The school serves the students of urban Springfield, Ohio, a qualified opportunity zone, and 40% of students participate in the free and reduce price program. The project will collaborate with a neighboring school, Catholic Central HS and the rural Heron Berry School Farm in the county where students go to harvest farm produce, prepare and consume farm foods on site. This will help supplement school meals with fresh, locally sourced fruits and vegetables. This hands-on experience model will be share with other schools in the Clark County area.

Ohio Department of Agriculture - \$100,000

Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Grant Type: State Agency

The Ohio Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education, will expand the current statewide Ohio Farm to School Network to provide a framework for cohesive communication and coordination among farm to school programs across the state. The network will unify the state by creating regional networks to develop a “Highlight my Plate” campaign. The project will aid food service directors in procuring local food, engaging more farmers in growing and selling produce to schools, and strengthen communication to share resources with other entities across the state.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Department of Education - \$99,054

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Grant Type: State Agency

The Oklahoma State Department of Education, in partnership with Oklahoma State University, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, and the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, is applying for funds to create the Fresh Resources to Enhance Student Health (FRESH) project. The project will be a multi-agency effort aimed at changing the paradigm of school nutrition in Oklahoma. The project will include farmer education, training, child nutrition staff culinary skill development, and culinary management training. Nine school districts will also receive school-site chef consultations to include nutrition staff on-site training as well as hands-on cooking experiences for students. The project will also increase the online promotion of the Farm to School Program, and develop and host spring Farmer’s Showcases to promote the fresh, local produce used in school lunches.

Panola School District 4 - \$99,874

Panola, Oklahoma

Grant Type: Implementation

Flow N Grow will provide the capital needed to expand Panola Agriculture Program with a Greenhouse and Aquaponics systems. This will establish the foundation required to increase local producer engagement via community events held onsite. New Community liaison will leverage membership and partner associations for introductions to new producers. Ultimately, through taste testing, healthy food distribution and education Panola will increase access to healthy foods and decrease food insecurity.

Union Public Schools - \$99,836

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Grant Type: Implementation

Union Public Schools (UPS) will grow a more robust and sustainable Farm to School Program that will ultimately serve as a model program. Increased local food purchasing will occur by increasing the number and variety of farmers. A consulting farmer, and partners, Oklahoma State University and State Farm to School, will provide technical support for other farmers interested in pursuing farm to school by providing best practices, training, and networking activities for farmers. UPS will encourage more school districts to purchase local foods by using the UPS local co-op bid. Connecting students to agriculture will occur by providing a supervised district greenhouse, along with the consulting farmer, for experiential STEM and botany learning opportunities for High School and Alternative Education students. Career Connect students will have the opportunity to work at the consultant's farm and greenhouse.

Oregon

Corvallis Environmental Center - \$ 100,000

Corvallis, Oregon

Grant Type: Implementation

Planting the Seed: Connecting Youth and Food in Benton County will expand the Corvallis Farm to School program within the Corvallis School District and to surrounding rural communities to encourage children to make healthy food choices, promote outdoor learning utilizing school gardens, and support regional farms and producers. The project will implement a comprehensive, culturally diverse, and multifaceted Farm to School program that integrates food, garden and agriculture experiences into the fabric of our schools and the lives of our students and their families.

Friends of Zenger Farm - \$99,562

Portland, Oregon

Grant Type: Implementation

Zenger Farm in collaboration with David Douglas School District and the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization SUN Community School at Gilbert Park and Earl Boyles will increase student preference for and consumption of locally grown vegetables and fruits through hands-on farm based agricultural education, school based local produce tastings, and school and farm based family programming. Family programming includes cooking demonstrations at school events and food parties, farm work parties, and Family Farm Day Open houses. The project

sustainably addresses parents and/or caretaker's desire to feed their children less-processed, culturally relevant foods that are locally sourced.

Grow Portland - \$99,235

Portland, Oregon

Grant Type: Implementation

Grow Portland will continue its partnership within three school districts, expanding to 16 public schools including monthly garden and environmental science education for all students along with curriculum and evaluation development. Grow Portland will expand and solidify partnerships with district nutrition services and school cafeterias, increasing the on-site harvests of local food served directly to students. Simultaneously, Grow Portland will seek to expand its community engagement, tabling at events, developing technical resources and support, and rolling out individual and business donor programs.

Pennsylvania

Keystone Central School District - \$50,000

Mill Hall, Pennsylvania

Grant Type: Planning

KCSD will establish a Farm to School Leadership Team to create a monthly schedule of engaging Farm to School activities for the 2021-2022 school year. The project's vision is to solidify plans for integrating fresh fruits and vegetables for use first in KCSD's Summer Feeding Program (which began in partnership with the City of Lock Haven in 2019) and later, eventually integrate this model into our National School Breakfast and School Lunch program menus. The project activities include piloting fresh food elements in KCSD's Agriculture Program by rehabbing the existing greenhouse, visiting other districts to explore best practices, attending the National Farm to School Conference, and working with Penn State Extension to develop classroom curriculum and explore other programs that could increase daily access to fresh, healthy foods among KCSD students.

PA Department of Education - \$99,904

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Grant Type: State Agency

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will develop and deliver a Pennsylvania Farm to School Summit that will facilitate peer-to-peer learning and networking among Child Nutrition Program (CNP) operators, establish connections between CNP program operators and producers, and showcase farm to school "best practices." Stakeholders in the Farm to School network will collaborate in planning the summit. PDE will expand the reach of a statewide Harvest of the

Month program through promotion of the program to Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program sponsors.

Riverview School District - \$100,000

Oakmont, Pennsylvania

Grant Type: Implementation

The Riverview School District will work with community stakeholders to support student grown (at the high school), organic, greens year round for the school and community. In an effort to increase health and wellness within the district and communities, RSD will expand their current hydroponics garden into a classroom system that will be maintained in a climate controlled outdoor space. To increase environmentally sustainable efforts, students, teachers, and cafeteria staff will be trained on using the new outdoor classroom and efforts to decrease food waste while maximizing composting efforts.

The Food Trust - \$100,000

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Grant Type: Implementation

The Food Trust will carry out a two-year project that will improve access to local foods in schools across Pennsylvania (PA) by providing farm to school stakeholders with streamlined resources, training, and technical assistance opportunities supported by a dynamic and sustainable PA Farm to School Network. The project will reach two target populations: stakeholders implementing farm to school activities and school-aged children in Pennsylvania. Farm to school stakeholders include food service professionals, educators, administrators, farmers, suppliers, parents, and community organizations. Key partners include the members of the PA Farm to School Network, including the PA Department of Agriculture and PA Department of Education.

The School District of the City of Erie - \$99,867

Erie, Pennsylvania

Grant Type: Implementation

Erie's Public Schools will grow its program, Erie Farm to School, into a district wide preK-12 pathway. The project will include the following new key components: 1) garden experiences designed specifically for pre-Kindergarten; 2) grade level Harvest of the Month lessons and cafeteria taste tests for K-5 students; 3) grade 5 farm field trips in collaboration with partner YMCA Camp Fitch; 4) the establishment of middle and high school food councils and 5) local food promotions at school food pantries. The district will collaborate with Metz Culinary Management and Edinboro Market to increase school menu offerings and support local food producers in selling to schools and distributors.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Education - \$96,236

Providence, Rhode Island

Grant Type: State Agency

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is a member of the recently created RI Farm to School Coalition, which is a joint initiative of RIDE, the RI Dept. Environmental Management, the RI Healthy Schools Coalition, RI's Director of Food Strategy, and Farm Fresh RI, created to provide guidance to and oversight of RI's farm to school activities. If awarded funding, RIDE will collaborate with these key partners to develop a cohesive strategy that will unify the various farm to school activities across the state. Specific activities will include development of a RI farm to school brand, including the development of templates and other resources to be used by stakeholders throughout RI's child nutrition programs and which will be housed on a revitalized, central, RI farm to school website. Additional activities will include surveying of key stakeholders to develop and provide training and technical assistance workshops aimed to improve access to local foods in CNPs.

Smithfield Public Schools – \$65,530

Smithfield, Rhode Island

Grant Type: Implementation

Smithfield Public Schools will expand its partnership with neighboring farms in order to improve knowledge and practice of good nutrition among students and families, increase the amount of local produce utilized in school nutrition program, and improve breakfast options and participation by incorporating local, fresh produce.

South Carolina

Charleston County School District - \$99,965

Charleston, South Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation

The Charleston County Farm to School project will serve children ages 4-10 who attend five Title I elementary schools in Charleston County, South Carolina. The one-year implementation project includes farm to cafeteria initiatives, school garden education, farm field trips, History, Culture & Farming Field Day, and a community Harvest Dinner.

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties - \$99,957

Irmo, South Carolina

Grant Type: Implementation

Farm to Five: Food Waste Challenge will expand the district's comprehensive farm to school practices by introducing food waste recycling into the school lunch program. The project will implement pre- and post-consumer food waste recycling at five schools for conversion into compost that will be used in school gardens and farms as part of the district's Agricultural and Biosystems Sciences Program to boost the production of broccoli currently served in the district's school lunch program. Surplus compost will be sold with proceeds used to sustain farm to school efforts.

South Carolina Department of Agriculture - \$82,500

Columbia, South Carolina

Grant Type: State Agency

The procurement pilot project will span two-years. It will enable the SC Farm to School Program to 1) expand the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables being utilized in schools, 2) create a roadmap for districts to use to navigate the procurement process of local specialty crops, and 3) educate school food service staff on the preparation of fresh fruit and vegetables. As the lead agency committed to implementing Farm to School in South Carolina, SCDA recognizes the importance of ensuring that South Carolina Farm to School Program participants have access to technical support, local products, and trainings which will allow them to successfully implement Farm to School.

South Dakota

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe - \$49,983

Eagle Butte, South Dakota

Grant Type: Planning

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Farm to School Program has been developed to provide locally sourced beef and buffalo to the School Lunch Programs in the five schools that are located on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. The project will give local producers the opportunity to make their beef and buffalo available to the 2,200 children who are attending school on the Reservation. The grant funding will provide a financial means to develop an Action Plan to identify steps and processes needed to implement the program. Key partners will include the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo Authority Corporation, Bureau of Indian Education, the five Reservation school administrations, the five Reservation school boards, USDA-FNS through the National School Lunch Program, SD Beef Council, and local producers. Other key partners will be identified through the Action Plan development process.

Lower Brule Schools - \$32,940

Lower Brule, South Dakota

Grant Type: Planning

Lower Brule Schools (LBS) has identified farm to school as a way to connect with local farmers, procure local produce for each school in the District, and to advance agricultural education. Project efforts will lead to an increase in the availability of local produce, provide agricultural education as a potential vocation for students, and engage the community as part of the initiative. LBS will collaborate with Lower Brule Research, South Dakota State University Extension, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and South Dakota State University Pierre Regional Extension Center. Additional members of the local community will be part of the Planning Team for this comprehensive planning Project. Representation from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe farm, community leaders, and parents will represent key sectors of the community to be on the Team.

Red Cloud Indian School - \$100,000

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

Grant Type: Implementation

Red Cloud Indian School's target population is Lakota students on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Southwest South Dakota. Red Cloud is located in and serves the tribal community on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Building off the planning and piloting efforts of the school farm over the last few years, the project will move into the implementation of a larger Farm to School Program located on the school campus. In addition, introducing production agriculture, using season extension techniques, to continue supply through the winter opens the possibility of student participation in the farm throughout the school year expands the curriculum opportunity available to students.

South Dakota Department of Agriculture - \$98,250

Pierre South Dakota

Grant Type: State Agency

South Dakota Department of Agriculture will collaborate with the South Dakota Department of Education, South Dakota Department of Health, Dakota Rural Action, South Dakota State University Extension Service, and additional partners to form the South Dakota Farm to School Network in order to expand Farm to School programs throughout South Dakota. The project will help to locate and bring together producers and schools throughout the state who want to implement Farm to School programs. As partners are brought together, programs are implemented, awareness and knowledge will increase, thus allowing open communication across the state of South Dakota and helping make implementation of Farm to School programs a less daunting process.

Tennessee

Humphreys County Department of Education - \$72,650

Waverly, Tennessee

Grant Type: Implementation

The McEwen High School Farm to School (F2S) project will expand the capacity of the high school agriculture department to immerse students in hands-on hydroponic food production, peer-to-peer nutrition education, agriculture career exploration, and entrepreneurship. In addition, these students will increase the amount of fresh produce supplied directly to Humphreys Co. School Nutrition Department for the district school meal program.

Trenton Special School District - \$44,530

Trenton, Tennessee

Grant Type: Planning

The project will assess current assets and needs; increase collaboration between stakeholders and school districts; connect with regional farmers; identify supply chain & processing mechanisms; create a marketing plan to educate school district personnel and the public at large about F2S benefits. The project will develop an informed, workable action plan that lays out the process of developing a thriving Farm to School initiative in Gibson. The initial activities of the planning project will be the (1) formalization of the F2S planning team, (2) attending the F2S grantee gathering and (3) hosting a community Farm to Table kick-off dinner to publicly announce the countywide collaboration and provide an overview of the planning process.

Texas

St. Mary's Academy Charter School - \$42,800

Beeville, Texas

Grant Type: Planning

St. Mary's Academy Charter School's farm to school initiative will increase the availability of locally sourced foods in the school breakfast, lunch and snack program. As part of the planning and development, St. Mary's will collect data and identify challenges and existing farm to school activities, partners, and community stakeholders. The project will use a farm for instruction and will collaborate with two nonprofits who provided community gardens. St. Mary's will increase locally sourced food by increasing its own farm production and by establishing organic produce supply-chain partners.

Common Threads - \$100,000

Austin, Texas

Grant Type: Implementation

Common Threads' project will develop the programmatic infrastructure needed to begin sourcing from community-based urban farms for its school-based cooking and nutrition education programs in Chicago. Common Threads will make curriculum adaptations that emphasize seasonality and local food systems learning, implementing comprehensive Farm to School educational programming in three schools over the course of the project period for students, families, and teachers. Additionally, the project will increase awareness of local food and agricultural education resources in the community. The project will collaborate with three Chicago Public School sites and urban farms in close proximity to the schools. Common Threads' ultimate goal is to create a scalable model for local procurement that can be replicated at other schools in both Chicago and our 11 other program markets in future years.

Northside Independent School District - \$58,901

San Antonio, Texas

Grant Type: Implementation

The Northside Independent School District (ISD) will implement a comprehensive Farm to School program at 10 elementary and middle schools to improve access to local foods through local procurement and agricultural education efforts. Activities will include staff training, school-based vegetable gardens, agricultural curriculum, taste tests, field experiences at local agricultural sites, and a culminating "farmer's market" event. The project will target at least 1,000 K-8 students in San Antonio, TX, of whom over 40% will be eligible for Free and Reduced Priced Meals. Key partners will include Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, the San Antonio Food Bank, and the Herff Farm/Cibolo Nature Center

The Gleaning Network of Texas Dba Grow North Texas - \$46,072

Dallas, Texas

Grant Type: Planning

The "Planning for Increased Farm to School Activities in Dallas" project will develop a Farm to School Action Plan, assess area farmer readiness for farm to school, and pilot a program to implement sustainable school garden programs. The Farm to School Action Plan to be developed will center on training and technical assistance to farmers interested in selling to schools and the support of school garden implementation and sustainability.

Vermont

Food Connects - \$99,900

Brattleboro, Vermont

Grant Type: Implementation

Food Connects will increase local food purchasing, throughout Vermont and western New Hampshire. The project plan to 1) increase sales, 2) marketing and education efforts to schools in Food Connects' expanding delivery service range, 3) provide professional development for School Nutrition Professionals, with a focus on local food procurement and using the cafeteria as a classroom, and 4) develop a more robust regional supply chain in partnership with the Vermont Food Hub Collaborative and others. Food Connects will collaborate with VT FEED, Vital Communities, and Green Mountain Farm-to-School to accomplish the project.

Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets - \$53,867

Montpelier, Vermont

Grant Type: State Agency

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFAM) will develop coordinated and robust systems for tracking local food purchases by Vermont schools. In the first stage of the project, VAAFAM and partners will assess the feasibility of four key tracking strategies identified by VAAFAM, VT Agency of Education, and regional subject matter experts. The second stage of the project will involve implementing the most promising of these strategies. The decision to pursue certain strategies will be based on the relationship between their potential impact, the time and resources needed to fully implement them and the capacity of VAAFAM and grant partners.

Virginia

Augusta Health Community Health Foundation - \$100,000

Fishersville, Virginia

Grant Type: Implementation

Augusta Health and Waynesboro City Public Schools will expand the Get Fresh nutrition education initiative in an effort to reduce food insecurity, increase student access to local produce, and improve the immediate and long-term health of the community. Activities include expanding the curriculum to a third elementary school and utilizing a mobile café for food insecure students during the summer and school closings.

Local Environmental Agriculture Project - \$48,839

Roanoke, Virginia

Grant Type: Planning

Local Environmental Agriculture Project will collaborate with Virginia Cooperative Extension and Roanoke City Public Schools (RCPS) to plan the Roanoke Farm to School program. The planning process will ensure that the Farm to School development and growth is appropriate, targeted, integrated, and sustainable. The goals for the first year include the following: (1) strengthen partnerships with RCPS and wholesale farmers, (2) expand farm to school educational programming, (3) hold farmer information sessions and focus groups, (4) host a RCPS personnel symposium to recruit new partners and gather feedback on program development, (5) implement a Farm to School pilot at 1-4 schools in spring 2021, and (6) create and refine the Farm to School Action Plan. The long-term vision for Roanoke Farm to School includes nutrition and agriculture education in all schools and at least 10 percent annual local procurement.

Project Grows, Inc. - \$100,000

Staunton, Virginia

Grant Type: Implementation

Project GROWS: Connecting Schools to Local Food is a multi-pronged farm-to-school initiative that includes agricultural education programming, such as in-school food tastings, curriculum integration of local food concepts, experiential learning in school garden and farming contexts. The project will also expand local food procurement strategies for schools, such as local food supplier meet and greets and the publication of a best practices training manual for regional farmer training.

Virginia Department of Education - \$99,987

Richmond, Virginia

Grant Type: State Agency

The Virginia Department of Education will convene a Farm to School Leadership Team to develop and implement a five-year strategic plan. Key activities in the first two years will focus on developing regional networks to connect school nutrition personnel to farmers for local procurement; providing toolkits for Virginia Cooperative Extension agents to use with farmers; farm tours and toolkits for school personnel; agriculture education for school-aged children; a statewide Farm to School Conference; and evaluation efforts. The plan will also include strategies for sustainability beyond the two-year project period. Key partners include the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

Washington

Chimacum School District 49 - \$96,194

Chimacum, Washington

Grant Type: Implementation

Chimacum School District, in partnership with the nonprofit Community Wellness Project and the local food and farm community, will increase the number of pounds of fresh and local food procured, prepared and served in school cafeterias. In addition, the project will increase school meal participation across the grades through outreach, marketing, and taste tests; increase agricultural education K-12 through school garden programs at the primary and elementary levels; enhance Food & Farm career & technical education programs at Junior/Senior High School; and develop a school food-waste composting program in partnership with a local farm. Students from kindergarten through graduation will benefit from increased access to fresh and local food; will develop knowledge, attitudes and behavior that form the basis for life-long healthy eating patterns; and will have meaningful opportunities to engage with the local food system.

Common Threads Farm - \$99,995

Bellingham, Washington

Grant Type: Implementation

Building on their successful model of hands-on support for school gardens, classroom cooking, and garden to cafeteria programs, Common Threads Farm will increase access to local food. The project will be enhancing existing farm to school partnerships at six rural schools and building new partnerships with four additional high need rural schools. In addition, the project will be working with district and school staff to increase understanding of and support for farm to school; and offering support to rural and high poverty communities across WA State via training, consultation and the recruitment, training and support of Food Educators. Key partners will include school district personnel in rural districts, OSPI office of Environmental and Sustainability Education, WSDA and WA State Farm to School Network, and the Whatcom County Health Department.

Coupeville School District - \$97,600

Coupeville, Washington

Grant Type: Implementation

The Coupeville School District intends to use the received funds to improve students' knowledge and access to locally grown foods. The project will affect the students of the Coupeville School District and key partners involved will include Coupeville Farm to School and the Connected Food Program. The project will (1) finish development of the Coupeville Farm Site, (2) incorporate experiential activities and participation in farm based activities, (3) hire a part time School Farm Manager to coordinate site production and educational activities, (4) develop district-wide plans

and policies for local food purchase and use, and (5) participate in a Whidbey Island wide effort to form a food hub or cooperative to solve distribution bottlenecks of local produce.

Grow Food Dba Viva Farms - \$100,000

Burlington, Washington

Grant Type: Implementation

“Family Farms to Healthy Kids” is a Farm to School project led by Grow Food DBA Viva Farms with partners Washington State University Skagit Extension, Mt. Vernon School District, Skagit/Island Head Start, Washington Department of Agriculture and Dr. William Tracy, of the University of Wisconsin. The project will serve five counties in Washington State including Skagit, Island, San Juan Whatcom and Snohomish directly affecting over 7,221 children. The project will increase local procurement of unprocessed, local, fresh fruits and vegetables, and whole grains in schools through training, technical assistance and connecting farmers and school buyers; to engage students and teachers in experiential learning and educational activities related to agriculture, food and nutrition; and to conduct outreach to regional school leaders (administrators, principals, school board members) to increase understanding and compel high level support for Farm to School programming.

Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101 - \$41,205

Spokane, Washington

Grant Type: Planning

The Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101 (NEWESD 101) Child Nutrition Cooperative will assist rural school districts in Eastern Washington as they plan farm to school activities. The project will include establishing a supply chain that links regional farmers and ranchers to school districts, introducing seasonal menus that incorporate local food items, furthering agricultural education and introducing school garden projects. The Empire Health Foundation will support NEWESD 101, as both organizations further their goals of increasing whole foods and scratch cooking into school cafeterias and increasing student awareness of nutrition and agriculture. The cooperative includes 14 school districts serving, either geographically isolated or at-risk populations.

Okanogan Conservation District - \$100,000

Okanogan, Washington

Grant Type: Implementation

Okanogan Conservation District will collaborate with school districts, local organizations, and community members to implement and expand school gardens and improve local food procurement and agricultural education efforts in Okanogan County. Comprehensive school garden programs provide local food and educational opportunities to students and families. “Seeds to Sow, Kids to Grow” will achieve four outcomes: 1) hire a countywide Garden Educator

to expand agricultural education in Okanogan County, 2) develop standards-based and STEM agricultural curriculum; 3) develop and implement sustainable garden programs in Okanogan County, and 4) expand local procurement efforts.

Washington State Department of Agriculture - \$98,709

Olympia, Washington

Grant Type: State Agency

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) and a team of trainers will develop and deliver three "scratch cooking & farm to school institutes" in Washington State for cross-disciplinary district teams. The institutes will consist of two-day intensive training and planning sessions followed by implementation support for each cohort for schools to implement scratch cooking programs. The project goals include increasing use of minimally processed, locally produced ingredients, traditional and culturally relevant menus, and increasing student participation in meal programs. WSDA and partners will facilitate activities and trainings to help institute participants develop strategies to increase scratch cooking and farm to school in their district, build partnerships with staff such as school gardeners, educators, and administrators, and facilitate ongoing expert and peer-to-peer support to implement their plans. The project will also produce video and print teaching tools on scratch production models for use beyond the institutes.

West Virginia

West Virginia Department of Agriculture - \$99,997

Charleston, West Virginia

Grant Type: State Agency

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the West Virginia Farm to School Community Development Group (WVFTSCDG) and West Virginia Department of Education, will improve access to local foods in eligible schools by implementing or expanding a comprehensive farm to school program that includes local procurement and agricultural education efforts. The five activities identified include local procurement and agricultural education efforts: (1) Hire a Farm to School Coordinator, (2) Reconvene the WVFTSCDG, (3) Develop Standard Operating Procedures, (4) Identify highly motivated counties to implement F2S, and (5) Develop a statewide marketing campaign.

Wisconsin

Greater Green Bay Chamber Of Commerce Foundation, Inc. - \$96,241

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Implementation

Even with documented year-over-year increases in local produce procurement, two barriers - price point and supply-chain logistics - still limit the amount of produce that districts are able to purchase from local farms. The project will address these barriers, by collaborating with a group of local farmers and nine Brown County school districts in a four-phase cycle of planning, planting, processing and promoting select local produce items. The goal is to develop a replicable process that identifies and leverages efficiencies as well as helps local producers further develop the operations needed to scale production for larger, institutional buyers. This proposal scales-up and further develops on-going local procurement efforts to increase the amount of local, healthy food consumed by students.

Madison Metropolitan School District - \$100,000

Madison, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Implementation

Harvest of the Month: Linking Students, Farmers, Food and Education, will affect 27,000 students in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD), where over 50% of students qualify for the Free or Reduced Price meals. MMSD will collaborate with REAP Food Group, Food Wise, and local farmers to highlight a local produce item monthly in the cafeteria menu and through taste tests provide educational lessons and activities in the classroom, bring farmers to classrooms, and visit farms.

Nourish Farms, Inc. - \$99,990

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Implementation

Nourish Farms' SC2 project will create lasting, structural changes needed to enhance farm to school efforts in seven eligible public school districts in Sheboygan County, increasing access to local foods for 17,556 pK-12 students. SC2 features the following comprehensive farm to school activities: (1) assembling a new Farm to School Advisory Network with members from all 7 partner districts; (2) completing an inventory of food service purchasing practices and menus in all seven districts to identify new local procurement opportunities, revise menus to feature more seasonal, local items, and create a Farm to School SC2 Resource Guide; (3) delivering technical support and creating an on demand video training series to build skills and capacity for school meal professionals in each district; and (4) providing experiential school garden training for teams of parents, school staff members, & stakeholders interested in enhancing agricultural education in their home schools.

Oshkosh Area School District - \$50,000

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Planning

The Oshkosh Area School District Farm to School Planning Project will focus on the creation of an Oshkosh Area School District Farm to School Action Plan. The project will have a dual focus: 1) to provide a framework and comprehensive road map for the implementation of a local product tasting and agricultural/nutritional education program (modeled on the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program) which will occur at least twice weekly at all district elementary schools; and, 2) to significantly increase consumption of local agricultural products in the schools' lunchrooms by identifying additional local sources of dairy, produce, and meat and expanding our locally-focused product procurement strategies to additional producers.

Southern Door County School District - \$50,000

Brussels, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Planning

The Southern Door County School District's Farm to School Planning Project will focus on the creation of a district- and community-specific Farm to School Action Plan. The project will have a dual purpose: 1) to identify and develop standards-based, hands-on, relevant and exciting agricultural education "signature projects" for each grade level's curriculum 4K-12 and a host of complimentary grade-level appropriate nutrition education activities; and, 2) to significantly increase consumption of local agricultural products in the Southern Door County schools by developing locally-focused procurement, delivery, and processing strategies.

Unity School District - \$96,005

Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

Grant Type: Implementation

Unity School District will implement a farm to school program that encompasses the use of local resources found on the 100-acre campus along with resources from the surrounding community. This start-up program will focus on using the district land and greenhouse to supply produce for the food service program and to provide for agriculture education and hands-on learning for students in a combined early childhood through 12th grade.

Regional Farm to School Institute Grant Awardees

To respond to the Congressional directive, FNS released an RFA aimed specifically at regional farm to school institutes. The Regional Farm to School Institute grant funds will assist in creating and disseminating information on farm to school program development and providing practitioner education and training, and will support ongoing school year coaching and technical assistance.

Colorado

First Nations Development Institute - \$98,686

Longmont, CO

Grant Type: Regional Institute

First Nations Development Institute will expand Farm to School programs in Native communities and increase acquisition of locally produced foods. This project will increase capacity, networking, and build relationships that will boost participants' abilities to move forward strategically. This project will provide one in-person and five virtual trainings as well as individualized, virtual technical assistance to six-selected Native farm to school programs. Furthermore, the webinars will offer training, specialized to Native community circumstances, to Native farm to school programs throughout the country. Through the convening, webinars, and/or working with First Nations, community partners will learn about resources for funding, training and technical assistance as well as Native-specific models that will help their farm to school programs.

Vermont

Shelburne Farms - \$98,686

Shelburne, VT

Grant Type: Regional Institute

Shelburne Farms will provide schools and districts in the six New England states and New York with professional development to create robust farm to school programs. Priorities will be given to schools with a high proportion of free and reduced lunch participation. The project will expand and enhance the ability of schools and Farm to School leaders to conduct successful programs. The 12-month program will start with a three-day action planning retreat where participants will be matched with a trained coach, to design and implement a plan to integrate the “3Cs” – classroom, community and cafeteria. The project will support lasting changes by incorporating team skills, relationship building and creating clear roadmap for action and support to succeed.