



USDA GRANTS AND LOANS that Support Farm to School Activities



Funding from the US Department of Agriculture is available to assist farms, schools, and every link in between in feeding kids healthy local meals; teaching them about food, farming and nutrition; and supporting local agricultural economies. While the programs listed below provide a good starting point for those looking to bolster farm to school efforts, other USDA grant and loan programs support local food systems work as well. Visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmtoschool> for more information.

NOTE:
Eligibility guidelines can be quite specific, so be sure to confirm your eligibility on the webpage for the grant or loan program before applying. In addition, non-eligible entities can often partner with eligible entities to benefit from programs they might not otherwise have access to.

I am a... LOCAL GOVERNMENT	I am a... FARMER, RANCHER, OR FARM LANDOWNER	I am a... STATE AGENCY OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT/ORG	I am a... NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	I am a... PRIVATE BUSINESS, PUBLIC BENEFITS CORPORATION, OR AG CO-OP	I am a... HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION	I am a... K-12 PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR INDIAN TRIBAL SCHOOL
Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Federal-State Marketing Improvement Grants	Farm to School Planning & Implementation Grants
Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Farm Loans Farm Storage Facility Loans	Federal-State Marketing Improvement Grants Specialty Crop Block Grants	Farm Storage Facility Loans Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants Farm Loans Farm Storage Facility Loans	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants	Equipment Assistance Grants
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants	Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Community Food Project Grants	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants		Community Facilities Grants and Loans
Community Facilities Grants and Loans	Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants	Team Nutrition Training Grants	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants	Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants		
Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants	Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans		
Rural Business Development Grants	Value-Added Producer Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans Community Facilities Grants and Loans Rural Business Development Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans Community Facilities Grants and Loans Rural Business Development Grants Rural Cooperative Development Grants	Rural Business Development Grants Value-Added Producer Grants		
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			Value-Added Producer Grants			

KEY:

- Agricultural Marketing Service
- Farm Service Agency
- Food and Nutrition Service
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Rural Development



Funding from the Food and Nutrition Service

Farm to School Grants - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/grants>

Team Nutrition Training Grants - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition-training-grants>

Equipment Assistance Grants - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/2016-nslp-equipment-assistance-grants>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Nutrition Education (SNAP-Ed) - The goal of SNAP-Ed is to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for SNAP will make healthy choices within a limited budget and choose active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate. SNAP-Ed funds support direct education, social marketing and public health based approaches to nutrition and obesity prevention. Reach out to your SNAP-Ed lead agency to learn about existing community food systems work. <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/nutrition-education>

Funding from the Agricultural Marketing Service

Farmers Market and Local Foods Promotion Grants - <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp> and <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>

Federal State Marketing Improvement Program - <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fsmip>

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgb>

Funding from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Community Food Project Grants - <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/community-food-projects-competitive-grant-program-cfpcgp>

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants - <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grants - www.sare.org/Grants

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants - <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri.html>

Funding from Rural Development

Community Facilities Grants and Loans - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/had-cf_grants.html

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans - <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees>

Rural Business Development Grants - <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>

Value Added Producer Grants - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html

Rural Cooperative Development Grants - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/bcp_rcdg.html

Funding from the Farm Service Agency

Farm Loans - <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index>

Farm Storage Facility Loans - http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/frm_storage_facility_lns.pdf (PDF)



For more information, and to sign up for the bi-weekly e-letter from the Food and Nutrition Service's Office of Community Food Systems, please visit www.usda.gov/farmtoschool.
Questions? Email us at farmtoschool@fns.usda.gov.

