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Alabama

Feeding the Gulf Coast - \$81,200

Theodore, Alabama

Grant Type: Implementation

Feeding the Gulf Coast, will be working with Mobile County Public Schools to provide healthy, locally sourced, afterschool snacks and “take-home bags” through Mobile County Public Schools and processed by Feeding the Gulf Coast staff in an onsite commercial kitchen. Staff will also be providing children 30 minute nutrition and agricultural lessons intended to better connect children to their food.

Homewood City Board of Education – \$47,561

Homewood Alabama

Grant Type: Planning

Homewood City Schools Farm to School program will expand access to regionally sourced foods served consumed across its school food programs. Through its planning process, Homewood City Schools will develop relationships with chain suppliers, create new menus and processes in a manner that features regionally sourced foods, as well as providing student opportunities to expand agriculture awareness, thereby increasing consumption of fresh produce.

Jones Valley Urban Farm - \$100,000

Birmingham, Alabama

Grant Type: Implementation

The Jones Valley Teaching Farm (JVTF) Good School Food (GSF) Program, will reach 4,000 students attending five Birmingham City Schools located in the Woodlawn community. Activities will include expanding the Teaching Farm Apprenticeship program, strengthening classroom instruction, hosting Food of the Month promotions for student taste tests, cooking demonstrations, and culinary instruction, and integrating procurement activities into the operations of student-run farmer's markets. Key partners include Birmingham City Schools and the City of Birmingham Office of Innovation and Economic Opportunity.

Alaska

Kodiak Area Native Association - \$50,000

Kodiak, Alaska

Grant Type: Planning

The Kodiak Area Native Association, in collaboration with the Kodiak Island Borough School District (KIBSD), will develop a Farm to School Action plan, supporting access to local and regional agricultural products and benefiting the entire KIBSD student population. The Action Plan will focus on increasing the volume of local agricultural products used KIBSD schools, increasing economic activity within the Kodiak region, and reducing the School System's dependence on food imported from out-of-State.

Arizona

Gilbert Public Schools Nutrition Services - \$50,000

Gilbert, Arizona

Type of Grant: Planning

Gilbert Public Schools' A Garden in our Schools Planning Project (Project) will focus on 38 schools and reach over 35,000 K-12th grade students. The Project will establish a GPS Farm to School committee to oversee the Project; assess, analyze and strengthen current policies and procedures for food procurement; menus and recipes development; and education on nutrition and gardening, start, expand, enhance and/or strengthen school gardens and nutrition education by providing needed resources and training; and increase the amount of locally sourced food on the school menus. Key partners will include individuals from Nutrition Services, schools, teachers, and interested farmers/growers and community members.

Prescott Unified School District - * (award amount not yet finalized)

Prescott, Arizona

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Prescott Unified School District will develop a comprehensive strategic plan to orient the district towards greater local food procurement as well as implement Farm to School Concepts that will be introduced to core academic subjects in the District's curriculum. This will include increased use of school gardens as outdoor learning environments, local food taste testing, and training for district leadership and food service personnel.

California

The Abundant Table - * (award amount not yet finalized)

Camarillo, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Ventura County Farm to School Collaborative will create a strategic plan and expand the coordination of local farm to school sourcing initiatives among Ventura County school districts. The Collaborative will work with the Center for Good Food Purchasing to assess current procurement models and create an action plan and trainings to use the collective buying power of multiple school districts to create a sustainable farm to school system and strategy. This project will benefit local farmers and students in Ventura County.

Center for Ecoliteracy - \$99,991

Berkeley, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Center for Ecoliteracy will develop Abundant California 2.0 to teach students about the regions in California where school food is grown through experiential nutrition education activities in classrooms, gardens, and after-school programs. By engaging educators in curriculum development, the Center for Ecoliteracy will create high-quality resources optimized for multiple teaching environments. The Abundant California 2.0 curriculum is designed to be shared broadly and integrated into the farm to school efforts of the 89 school districts participating in California Thursdays, a collaboration to serve students healthier, freshly-prepared school meals made from California-grown food. Abundant California 2.0 will enhance existing farm to school efforts, improve food literacy, and encourage the consumption of locally-grown food.

The Charlie Cart Project - \$44,215

Berkeley, California (conducted in Wyoming and Georgia)

Type of Grant: Training

The Charlie Cart Project (CCP) will work with the Wyoming Department of Education and Burke County School Nutrition Program (Georgia) to design and deliver 3 training events to empower FNSP as champions of farm to school programs. The goal of these trainings is to strengthen the impact of farm to school programs by increasing FNSP's openness to and understanding of farm to school efforts and awareness of and confidence in themselves as key players in farm to school efforts with the power to change children's lives.

City of Perris - \$50,000

Perris, California

Type of Grant: Planning

The Grow Perris Farm to School Initiative is a collaborative effort led by the City of Perris. The initiative will develop a Farm to School Framework and Action Plan and will recruit a pilot school district and at least four pilot schools. Through the initiative, participants will develop and deliver a Farm to School curriculum and produce a Farm to School campaign to broadly engage stakeholders from three school districts and 39 schools.

Community Health Improvement Partners - \$99,930

San Diego, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) will implement a SDC F2S Community Awareness and Education campaign with eight school districts serving low-income communities, significantly refining and expanding on a 2018-19 pilot campaign (the Farm to School Collective). The project will use the F2S Collective brand to create consistent messaging across school districts through promotion, educational events, and marketing support. CHIP will develop F2S advocates by actively engaging school district communities.

Community Action Partnership of Orange County - \$100,000

Garden Grove, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) will support increased academic performance and overall health of Westminster High School (WHS) students by integrating healthy foods into their school meals and providing nutrition education that ultimately impacts eating habits at home with support from parents and family members. CAP OC, in partnership with Solutions for Urban Agriculture, the Orange County Farm Bureau, and the Agriculture Sciences Program at WHS, will utilize grant funds to increase crop yields at The Giving Farm, the largest remaining public school farm in Orange County.

Encinitas Union School District - * (award amount not yet finalized)

Encinitas, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

Encinitas Union School District will increase participation in the school lunch program through student-led menu development and promotional activities; enhance the rigorous garden-based curriculum at EUSD's organic school farm with the creation of an exploratory educational garden and garden-based lesson plans; increase online promotion of the Farm to School Program; develop and host a spring Farmer's Showcase to promote the fresh, local produce used in school lunches; and increase production yield through expansion of the farm acreage and planting fruit trees.

Napa County Office of Education - \$87,459

Napa, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

Napa County Office of Education will establish an after-school wellness track at three high need elementary schools through Garden Enhanced Nutrition Education. The program will include implementation of quality curriculum, professional development for staff, the addition of student-grown produce to the supper program, and family outreach. 1,351 students at high need elementary schools will benefit from the program. Key partners include Napa Valley Unified SD, Phillips, Shearer and Snow Elementary Schools, UC Master Gardeners of Napa County, and The School Garden Doctor.

North Coast Opportunities - \$98,365

Ukiah, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

North Coast Opportunities will work with 28 schools in five large school districts in rural Lake and Mendocino Counties, as well several smaller districts, to expand and institutionalize the use of local produce in school meals, while working with farmers to develop the food supply chain. The project will build the capacity of 50 local farmers to market their crops to local schools by: compiling school purchasing data to facilitate regional production planning; providing training to farmers; organizing farm field trips for students; delivering classroom presentations by local farmers; and providing schools with recipes and meal plans using local produce.

Soil Born Farms Urban Agriculture and Education Project - \$45,672

Sacramento, California

Type of Grant: Planning

Soil Born Farms will work with Folsom-Cordova Unified School District to coordinate a farm to school planning process toward the three primary goals of; developing an agriculture education pathway for K-12 students by connecting and expanding food/farming education programs facilitated by the schools and Soil Born Farms; providing students with experiences growing and harvesting food that they eat in school meals; and increasing the amount of locally-grown food served in school cafeterias.

Scott Valley Unified School District - \$30,112

Fort Jones, California

Type of Grant: Planning

Scott Valley Unified School District will establish a new Farm Resources for Education and Student Health (FRESH) Program. The focus will be on conducting feasibility studies for refreshing and rebuilding their current orchard and garden growing areas, researching egg farm feasibility, marketing the farm fresh idea, gathering information and educating themselves about implementation and sustainability. Their Team includes three community partners: Oakhill Gardens, Rockside Ranch, and Five Mary's Farms. The six schools that will be impacted are: Etna and Fort Jones Elementary, Scott Valley Junior High, Etna and Scott River High and Scott Valley Community Day. The goal is to enhance and integrate locally-grown foods into their district menu planning and to educate students and staff about food procurement and ultimately have a positive impact on their health and well-being.

Tides Center - \$47,000

San Francisco, California

Type of Grant: Training

The Tides Center will offer 10 experiential learning opportunities during the National Farm to School Network's 2020 National Farm to Cafeteria Conference. The pre-conference training day will allow attendees the chance to see farm to school efforts in action, network with farm to school stakeholders, and envision ideas for their own work based on real-world examples.

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians - \$48,000

Thermal, California

Type of Grant: Planning

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians will create a Farm to School Plan to be approved via Resolution by the governing body and thereby memorialized and made official. The Farm to School Plan will guide the Tribe in cultivating and sharing produce with the local schools. It will also help continue and further collaboration to improve nutrition, health, and wellness among school, tribal, and community youth and their families.

Upland Unified School District - \$87,224

Upland, California

Type of Grant: Implementation

Upland Unified School District will collaborate with Nutrition Services, principals, teachers, students, Food Corps, Health Corps, and local universities to implement a teaching garden at all 14 school sites and expand the Farm to School program. A Wellness Champion at each school will serve as a garden liaison and will lead garden club activities with the students. Garden produce will be harvested and featured on the salad bar, as part of the entrée, in the cooking club, or in a school-wide taste test. Upland USD will provide training for individuals from Farm to School Advisory Council and Wellness Champions to ensure the confidence when working with students in a garden setting. Upland USD will also make the efforts to expand its' current selection of locally sourced foods.

Colorado

Big Green - \$100,000

Boulder, Colorado (conducted in California)

Type of Grant: Implementation

This project aims to pilot the well-established and successful community healthcare worker model to better support existing farm to school activities in Los Angeles Learning Garden schools. Big Green will recruit and train part-time Community Liaisons who will be assigned to clusters of schools with a goal of increasing growing capacity, teacher and parent engagement, and cultural competency for these schools.

Boulder Valley School District - \$99,982

Boulder, Colorado

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) will develop a Classroom professional development workshop series, while also expanding the district's ability to educate other BVSD community members on the educational opportunities available via the BVSD school gardens and greenhouse. The workshop will also identify more staff who might be interested in working with school gardens throughout the year. More accessible than school-based gardens, the greenhouse will provide opportunities for additional community outreach efforts, as well as teacher workshops, tours, and an annual plant and seed sale.

First Nations Development Institute - \$50,000

Longmont, Colorado

Type of Grant: Training

First Nations Development Institute is a Native American-led, national nonprofit with the mission to strengthen American Indian economies in support of healthy Native communities. First Nations will host a 1-day Farm to Tribal School Training for Native communities seeking to develop and expand new/existing farm-to-school initiatives. The training will be held in conjunction with the Food Sovereignty Summit hosted by the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, a Tribe with a successful local food system through assistance from First Nations and the USDA Farm to School Grant Program. Fifteen participants from a pool of Native communities working on farm-to-school initiatives will be invited to participate in the training. The training's primary goals include connecting Native farm-to-school initiatives with a majority Native audience, showcasing best practices for existing models, sharing available resources, and providing an open forum for discussion.

The Growing Project - \$90,758

Fort Collins, Colorado

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Growing Project (TGP) will expand their current experiential, farm-based education lessons, curriculum, and evaluation for and with PSD schools while also providing these same children with nutrient dense and fresh produce in their respective cafeterias—that students themselves have planned, seeded, grown, and harvested. These farm lessons will be tied to all subjects across state and district learning standards We will also strategize and build a vegetable production and procurement plan with PSD nutrition services, and recruit future partner schools in order to scale-up our existing student farmer program so that it can be replicated across the district.

Livewell Colorado - \$26,693

Denver, Colorado

Type of Grant: Training

Livewell Colorado will convene two state-level Local Procurement Colorado Farm to School Regional Workshops providing training to food service directors, key kitchen staff members, and farmers. The trainings will be held in the Western Slope and northeastern Colorado. The goal of the trainings is connect school districts that are interested in participating in Farm to School with local farmers and producers as well as to provide specific trainings that will enable both groups to support long-lasting Farm to School Programs.

School District No. 1 in the City and County of Denver - \$100,000

Denver, Colorado

Type of Grant: Implementation

Denver Public Schools (DPS) will build a 1-acre pilot commercial greenhouse. DPS will then use this facility to engage a network of schools, community partners and the Denver Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Department to increase the amount of locally sourced produce served in school meals.

Walking Mountains Science Center - \$99,547

Avon, Colorado

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Sowing Seeds project will educate students on garden science and nutrition, working with students to grow fruits and vegetables in their school gardens and greenhouse for use in school cafeterias.

Connecticut

Groton Public Schools - \$100,000

Mystic, Connecticut

Type of Grant: Implementation

Groton Public Schools will expand the scope of its current Farm to School (F2S) Program, further strengthening community partnerships, integrating more F2S activities into the Groton Public School district's curriculum, and ultimately improve the diet and health of its students.

Thompson School District - \$81,848

North Grovesendale, Connecticut

Type of Grant: Implementation

Thompson and Putnam School Districts will collaborate in developing new impactful learning through professional development workshops for teachers and food service staff, in addition to interdisciplinary hands-on learning activities for students. The program will also establish an efficient controlled environment aquaponics garden in each district. The districts will partner with Trifecta Ecosystems, an aquaponics farming leader in controlled environment agriculture, with a history of introducing aquaponics curriculum and systems to Connecticut schools.

Delaware

Food Bank of Delaware - \$50,000

Newark, Delaware

Type of Grant: Planning

The Food Bank of Delaware will collaborate with the Delaware Farm to School Committee to develop a Farm to School Action Plan for Delaware by focusing on statewide scalability using data, expertise and ongoing work by the Committee.

District of Columbia

Freshfarm Markets, Inc. - \$100,000

Washington, D.C.

Type of Grant: Implementation

FRESHFARM will create a standards-aligned farm to school curriculum that gives students exposure to local, seasonal produce that is needed to change their willingness to eat these foods when they are served in the school meals program. This project will also evaluate the return on investment (ROI) of comprehensive implementation of the FoodPrints farm to school curriculum. This program will impact the over 4,500 students at 13 DC Public Schools where the FRESHFARM FoodPrints program is offered. Washington, DC Public Schools will be the key partner involved in carrying out this program.

Florida

School Board of Orange County, Florida - \$95,532

Orlando, Florida

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Career and Technical Education division of Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), Florida, the ninth largest school district in the nation, will move forward with Strong Roots: Farm to School, a program intended to strengthen and expand a model Farm to School program currently serving horticulture students at Ocoee High School and replicate it at Edgewater High School. Key partners include the 4R Foundation and Dr. Phillips Charities.

Georgia

Baldwin County Board of Education - \$100,000

Milledgeville, Georgia

Type of Grant: Implementation

Baldwin Grows is a collaborative partnership between the Baldwin County School District, local universities, UGA Extension Services, FoodCorp, local farmers, and community stakeholders known as the Baldwin Grows Farm to School Action Committee (BC-F2S-AC). The goal of Baldwin Grows is to enhance academic achievement, promote healthy lifestyles, and support local sustainable food systems through a 1.5 acre Baldwin Grows Learning Lab garden project, by helping students in all Career, Technology, Agriculture and Engineering (CTAE) departments develop an interest in agri-business, and by expanding existing local school-based garden efforts and use the gardens to enhance on-site STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education learning.

Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice - \$20,000

Decatur, Georgia

Type of Grant: Planning

The Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (GDJJ) is home to Georgia's 181st school district, designed to serve youth involved in the juvenile justice system statewide. Georgia Preparatory Academy (GPA) is the formal identity of the dedicated school system which includes 29 schools located across the state. The Department will develop a strategic plan to ensure long term viability of Farm-to-School Initiatives within our agency so that all youth served by GDJJ may access the nutrition-focused educational experiences that serve as the building blocks of a healthy life and future.

Winder Housing Authority - \$74,345

Winder, Georgia

Type of Grant: Implementation

This project is a collaborative endeavor between the Winder Housing Authority, Wimberly's Roots, Barrow County School System (BCSS), Farm to School Boosters, Barrow County Extension, and the Grow It, Know It program. This project will feature technical training for local producers and school garden managers on food safety and post-harvest handling and storage, as well as culinary training for BCSS nutrition staff on use of fresh from farm produce in BCSS cafeterias. Additionally, this collaborative effort will further enhance farm to school activities and experiential education opportunities for students by developing basic infrastructure and farm plans for an 89-acre property donated to BCSS.

Hawai'i

Kokua Kalihi Valley - \$93,750

Kalihi, Hawaii

Type of Grant: Implementation

Kokua Kalihi Valley will provide youth with access to healthy food and education opportunities that connect them to their culture and community through farming, gardening, and nutrition education opportunities rooted in the cultural values of Hawai'i. Students will access affordable, local, organic produce through EBT-accessible farmers markets located at various Kalihi community venues and schools. Farmers, teachers, students, and their families will come together for community events where they will prepare meals with produce grown by youth and farmers. Part of Kokua Kalihi Valley's network of 50+ schools, community organizations and farmers, key partners include Kalihi Waena Elementary School, and Linapuni Elementary School, where 100% of students are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Malama Honua Public Charter School - \$49,971

Waimanalo, Hawaii

Type of Grant: Planning

Malama Honua Public Charter School is a free public school in Waimanalo, Hawaii in an agricultural community. The grant activities will address integration of current resources, leveraging of community knowledge, and sustainability of a school-wide Farm to School program. A scope and sequence Farm to School Curriculum for K-8 and a Five Year Farm to School Action Plan will also be developed.

Illinois

Chicago Public Schools - \$100,000

Chicago, Illinois

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Chicago Public Schools “Bringing the Bounty Inside” (BBI) will integrate large-scale indoor production into a school garden platform. BBI will focus on school garden programs at three high schools--Englewood High School, Carl Schurz High School, and John Marshall Metropolitan High School--to serve as district wide knowledge hubs. These schools will install agricultural systems that will expand the yield of produce and expose their students to exciting new agricultural methods. Simultaneously, these schools will serve as mentors and empower burgeoning school garden programs at schools in their region of the city.

Seven Generations Ahead - \$92,998

Oak Park, Illinois

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Seven Generations Ahead “Enhancing Farm to School Support for Illinois Child Nutrition Providers” project will support SGA’s education and outreach efforts to expand participation in its Illinois Harvest of the Month and Great Illinois Apple Crunch programs, increase the depth of participation of existing schools and early childhood education centers through consulting, resources and technical assistance, and implement learning opportunities - including a podcast series and a school food service personnel Institute - for schools across Illinois. SGA will partner with Angelic Organics Learning Center to implement the Institute, and will work with IL Farm to School Network partners to support increased program participation.

Indiana

Lifeline Youth and Family Services, Inc. - \$44,836

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Type of Grant: Planning

Lifeline will build a community network of volunteers and consultants to develop a Farm to School Action Plan. This plan will address: teaching residential students how to source their own nutritious food; incorporating farm-fresh ingredients into residential and school program’s meals; sharing farm-fresh ingredients with the community at-large; building community connections between agriculture and consumption; and equipping at-risk youth with confidence, pride, and marketable skills in agriculture.

Maconaquah School Corporation - \$100,000

Bunker Hill, Indiana

Type of Grant: Implementation

Maconaquah Cattle Company is a four-year-old agriscience program at Maconaquah Middle School. As part of this program, students study, feed out, and send beef cattle to be processed for school lunches. The Maconaquah School Corporation will expand the scale of the program to supply the entire corporation with local beef and pork, providing students with local, hands-on training, and fully integrating a partnership with a local meat processor.

Parkview Hospital, Inc. - \$34,390

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Type of Project: Planning

In order to combat food insecurity and rising obesity rates in Northeast Indiana, Parkview Health System, Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, Northwest Allen County Schools, East Allen County Schools, and Lakeland Schools (LaGrange County) will develop a comprehensive regional Farm to School plan, including individual school and/or district Farm to School plans for each of the participating partners.

Iowa

Central Decatur Community School District - \$86,962

Leon, Iowa

Type of Grant: Implementation

Staff and students at Central Decatur and Lamoni Community School Districts, both located in Decatur County, Iowa, will implement education opportunities highlighting the importance and benefits of healthy, local food. Projects include high school student-led education for elementary students, expanded access to fresh fruits and vegetables for elementary students, on-site traditional and aquaponics gardens for growing and harvesting opportunities for pre k-12th grade students, family meal education for students and families, and a mobile sow farrowing learning experience for students and the community.

Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children - \$28,084

Des Moines, Iowa

Type of Grant: Training

Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children & Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will lead the Iowa Farm to School Network in planning and execution of the 2020 Iowa Farm to School Conference.

Kansas

KC Healthy Kids (Formerly Hartwig Legacy Foundation) - \$83,494

Kansas City, Kansas

Type of Grant: Implementation

Through its Farm to School Academy, KC Healthy Kids will work with four school districts in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area to scale up and further develop their farm to school programs. Included are two urban districts (Kansas City, Kansas, Public Schools and Kansas City, Missouri, Public Schools) and two suburban districts (Gardner Edgerton and Lee's Summit R-7 School Districts). The Farm to School Academy will provide technical assistance and support for the districts and select schools to develop farm to school action plans, increase their local food purchasing, and implement curriculum and food- and garden-based activities for students, parents, school staff and neighborhoods. Key partners include the four districts, Kansas City Community Gardens, University of Missouri and Kansas State University Extension services, and Kansas City Food Hub.

Sunrise Project - \$83,728

Lawrence, Kansas

Type of Grant: Implementation

Sunrise Project, in partnership with USD 497 Farm to School staff and volunteers, will provide farm to school programming for three Lawrence, KS elementary schools for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. Students at Kennedy, New York, and Cordley Elementary will engage in gardening, cooking and lunchtime "farmer's markets." Students at each school will also host School Lunch "Farmer's Markets" with weekly taste tests and distribution of fresh garden produce during the growing season. In addition, Sunrise will provide hands-on cooking experiences for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes at each school while establishing a gardening program at Kennedy Elementary and supporting the established gardens at New York and Cordley. Additionally, students will take scheduled field trips to the Sunrise Project Community Garden to learn about the food system. As a result of this project, over 750 students in the Lawrence community will grow, cook, and eat fresh produce as part of their school day experience.

Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Education - \$99,450

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Seeds to Success! project guides schools in curriculum planning and promotes lifetime involvement in agriculture, building on existing Louisiana Farm to School (LaF2S) activities. The project has four components: (1) Seeds to Sow: all Louisiana K-8 schools receive promotional seed packets with LaF2S literature, to raise awareness of LaF2S activities and resources and promote LaF2S's Harvest of the Month (HOM) program; (2) Seeds to Grow - Mini-Greenhouses: all HOM schools receive greenhouse kits with instructions and growing guides for classroom based learning; Seeds to Grow - Container Garden: HOM schools may request a more complex container gardening system to grow fresh vegetables for taste tests or use in school meals; (3) Seeds to Know: Creation of an interactive website that expands classroom curriculum. The site will use an interactive matrix, leading participants to topics such as: health, science and geography. The matrix leads to Seeds to Success - agricultural career information.

Maine

Healthy Communities of the Capital Area - \$25,000

Gardiner, Maine

Type of Grant: Training

The Maine Farm to School Network at Healthy Communities of the Capital Area, in collaboration with other state farm to school advocates, will offer local procurement and network building training at their annual conference in 2019 and at the annual Tri-State (ME, NH, VT) school nutrition conference in 2020. School nutrition directors, producers, and other farm to school stakeholders will learn local procurement rules and strategies to increase the amount of local foods served in school meals. Participants will also gain a deeper understanding of network building to further strengthen farm to school partnerships across the state.

Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District - \$23,733

Houlton, Maine

Type of Grant: Implementation

The project will use the "Charlie Cart," a mobile kitchen cart, to provide hands-on nutrition education to students in two elementary schools. Students will be engaged through food and cooking and field trips to local farms. Incorporating produce from local farms will provide students an understanding of where food comes from along with the fundamental cooking skills to incorporate the produce into a simple and healthy meal. Each classroom will use established curriculum for at least one cooking activity in-class. Key partners include lead educators in each school who will help plan and support the project.

Massachusetts

Green City Growers, LLC - \$100,000

Somerville, Massachusetts

Type of Grant: Implementation

The program, which is a collaboration between the Boston Public Schools, Friends of the Boston Schoolyard, Green City Growers, and the BPS STRIVE program, will provide direct engagement for up to 60 BPS STRIVE special needs students, along with approximately 500 elementary school aged students at four schools where garden beds and vegetable gardening programs will be implemented. By integrating science, outdoor education, job training, and nutrition education, the project will be addressing issues surrounding childhood and young adult nutrition in tandem with making lifetime changes to participant's habits by engaging them in the process of growing their own food. By using underutilized outdoor classroom spaces for both science and nutrition education, we can harness this increased enthusiasm to engage students in garden activities that will provide them with skills to eat healthier and get outdoors more often, increasing their opportunities for exercise.

Grow Food Northampton, Inc. - \$56,660

Florence, Massachusetts

Type of Grant: Implementation

Grow Food Northampton and the Northampton Public Schools will develop a model Farm to School program that integrates all key aspects of Farm to School in a unified partnership. Building on existing strengths in school gardens, farm-based education, and nutrition education, Grow Food Northampton will enhance current programming, expand local procurement, and integrate and promote all efforts to strengthen their impact. Elementary students will receive Farm to School content through school gardens, farm visits, and classroom nutrition and cooking workshops for a combined 12 experiences per year for K-3 and 7 experiences per year for grades 4-5. All students will be exposed to vastly increased menu items prepared from scratch using local foods, with cross-promotion of ingredients and recipes between cafeteria and classroom.

South Shore YMCA - \$92,778

Norwell, Massachusetts

Type of Grant: Implementation

The South Shore YMCA and Friends of Holly Hill Farm will design and execute year-round farm-to-school programming, including basic gardening skills development, nutrition education, the creation or expansion of school gardens at nine schools, capacity expanding professional development for teachers and more for the Weymouth Public Schools. Programs will take place at the schools during the school day, in after school settings, on field trips during the school year to Holly Hill Farm and during the summer at both the WeyCare day camp and the SSYMCA's Hanover Family Farm.

Springfield Public Schools - * (award amount not yet finalized)

Springfield, Massachusetts

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Springfield Public Schools (SPS) Farm to School Project will be used to install between five to seven new school gardens in the district, thereby providing half of the public schools in the Springfield Public School System access to a teaching garden. In addition to these gardens, SPS will develop and run education workshops on nutrition and food policy and the recruitment of parents to run additional workshops and activities. All data relevant to this work will be collected and reviewed by a professional evaluator to determine the initial impact of this program on SPS child nutrition programs.

Michigan

Genesee Intermediate School District - * (award amount not yet finalized)

Flint, Michigan

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Flint Farm to School Project brings together nine schools in four school districts, school district food directors, the Flint Fresh Food Hub, and the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. Together, the members of the project will provide credit vouchers for the schools to buy from the Food Hub and incentivize schools to buy from the Food Hub. Another goal is to build the staff capacity of the Food Hub to serve the needs of schools and other institutional customers and educates school children, parents, and school personnel about healthy, locally grown produce.

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency - \$48,750

Charlevoix, Michigan

Type of Grant: Planning

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan will partner with Public Schools of Petoskey and Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities to explore the next steps in expanding the farm to school program. The project will include the Culinary Arts Program, the food service, Ag-Science and additional community partners to develop an Action Plan for Farm to School.

Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District - \$100,000

Traverse City, Michigan

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Traverse Bay Farm to School program will promote student learning, engage the school community, and build capacity for sustainable farm to school programming in the partner school buildings to expand current farm to school programming. Thirteen regional elementary schools within the Intermediate School District region will be impacted by the programming. Key partners of the project include regional school districts, Groundworks, Shape Up North (SUN) and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Urban Roots GR - \$75,845

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Type of Grant: Implementation

Urban Roots will work with four local schools in cultivating, maintaining, and building a culture for school gardens. This project will focus on schools with high rate of students receiving free or reduced lunches and will provide opportunities for students to get their hands in the soil. The key partners include William C. Abney, Covenant, Southwood Elementary, and CA Frost.

Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Education - \$99,959

Roseville, Minnesota

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) is partnering with The Good Acre and the University of Minnesota (UMN)-Extension to develop and deliver trainings, create an online compendium of resources tailored for the classroom. This program will train 6 teachers to serve as Regional Liaisons to deliver trainings, and assist with accessing resources and communicating feedback and progress to MDE leaders.

Renewing the Countryside - \$99,999

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Type of Grant: Implementation

Renewing the Countryside - along with on-the-ground regional partners and collaborators from the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, Minnesota Farmers Market Association, The Good Acre, The Minnesota Schoolyard Garden Coalition, and state agencies and institutions - will build capacity in rural Minnesota to leverage the farmers' market aggregation model and other new tools to expand Farm to School initiatives. This will include supportive culinary and gardening practices and knowledge, connecting schools and farmers through regional workshops and technical assistance.

Saint Paul Public Schools - \$100,000

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Type of Grant: Implementation

Saint Paul Public School District (SPPS) will launch the "Grow Our Own" (GROW) program to increase fresh food consumption by broadening tastes among students through engaging activities that link classroom to garden to cafeteria. The key component for implementation is the newly developed School Garden Handbook, which will be implemented and evaluated through a pilot program for 10 schools. Testing and evaluation is imperative to systems change in SPPS because of the unique cultural and economic challenges that exist in this large urban school district. SPPS has a partnership with Youth Farm, a non-profit organization that uses urban farming as a platform for youth leadership opportunities and community building. This project is based in collaboration and SPPS has created a web of support from community partners to reinforce the goal of sustainable farm to cafeteria education.

Missouri

Operation Food Search - \$34,144

Saint Louis, Missouri

Type of Grant: Planning

Operation Food Search, in partnership with Gateway Greening and Normandy High School, will implement an asset-based community development process to engage with Normandy High School scholars and their families; school administrators, faculty, staff, and alumni; as well as community residents, in creating a multi-year plan to transform the NHS campus into a teaching farm. Planning activities will focus on creating a space that addresses hunger, advances nutrition, and facilitates the integration of nutrition and agriculture into the school curriculum.

Montana

Frenchtown School District - \$89,320

Frenchtown, Montana

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Frenchtown School District will expand on an existing partnership with the Freedom Gardens, a non-profit organization. Freedom Gardens has built an aquaponics greenhouse on the south campus of the school district. This program will establish a greenhouse manager to oversee this facility and create an opportunity to bring the produce to the school cafeterias more efficiently by creating additional storage capacity.

Montana Office of Public Instruction - \$100,000

Helena, Montana

Type of Grant: Implementation

Montana Office of Public Instruction with Montana Team Nutrition Program at Montana State University, National Center for Appropriate Technology, Montana FoodCorps, and other project partners will leverage building momentum and resources at a key time to expand farm to school support into more rural and remote communities, including native communities through the three project goals. First, the team will increase number of schools participating in farm to school by expanding capacity for technical assistance and training using a regional farm to school coach model. Second, by leveraging the regional model and partnerships, the team will facilitate information sharing, networking, and training opportunities by hosting four regional Montana farm to school Showcase events. Third, project partners will host a statewide Montana farm to school Summit.

Park County Community Foundation - \$100,000

Livingston, Montana

Type of Grant: Implementation

Farm to School of Park County, in collaboration with the Park County Community Foundation, will expand services to school districts in rural Park County, Montana. Participating districts will receive support and training in procurement, marketing and outreach, school capacity development, and implementing farm to school education, including implementation of the Montana Harvest of the Month Program. Activities also include regional peer networking and supply chain development.

Nebraska

Center for Rural Affairs - \$98,450

Lyons, Nebraska

Type of Grant: Implementation

Collaborating with Nebraska State Future Farmers of America (FFA) association and University of Nebraska-Extension, the Center for Rural Affairs will expand its Greenhouse to Cafeteria program to more schools across the State. The Center will select 10 schools that will receive start-up funds and individualized technical support; distribute a Greenhouse to Cafeteria toolkit to all high schools in Nebraska; create a peer network for training, technical support, best practice sharing, and mentoring; as well as create an awards and recognition program.

Nevada

Urban Roots Garden Classrooms - * (award amount not yet finalized)

Reno, Nevada

Type of Grant: Implementation

Urban Roots Garden Classrooms will provide a 12-month program for low-income schools that includes a comprehensive approach to experiential agriculture education. About 1,000 students will receive gardening experience in northern Nevada's high-desert climate while participating in hands-on activities that increase their understanding about healthy eating. Through the project, participating K-8 students will receive farm-based and school garden curriculum as well as family engagement methods that inspire learning in the home environment. Additionally, lessons and resources will incorporate Indian Education while including content focused on traditions, culture, and nutrition. School teachers and parents will be evaluated for program success and long-term attitudes/behavior changes regarding student awareness of food, sustainability, and healthy behaviors. Key partners include the Washoe County School District, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

New Hampshire

Nashua School District - \$100,000

Nashua, New Hampshire

Type of Grant: Implementation

Nashua Farm to School (FTS) Coordinators shall further enhance the Nashua Farm to School Program. Program improvements include: building educational school garden spaces, incorporating FTS curriculum, and expanding local procurement by the District. Key partners include teachers, student-run garden organizations, Regenerative Roots, Grow-Nashua, NH Farm to School, UNH Cooperative Extension, the United Way of Greater Nashua, Sullivan Farm, administrators, Nashua Rotary Club, Nashua Food Council, Gorham Consulting, Hillsborough County Conservation District, and multiple other community organizations and volunteers.

North Country Farmers' Cooperative, Inc. - \$26,560

Colebrook, New Hampshire

Type of Grant: Planning

The North Country Farmers' Cooperative, Inc. (NCF Coop) will spearhead the formation of an Action Plan to get local food into schools in Northern NH (Grafton, Carroll, and Coos Counties). Key partners include the Food Service Directors of 6 school districts, and three regional partners also working on local food initiatives: Farm to School in SAU 7, Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, and Farm to School in Gorham.

New Jersey

Isles, Inc. - \$100,000

Trenton, New Jersey

Type of Grant: Implementation

Isles, Inc., a community development and environmental social-profit organization, will work with the Trenton Public School District and community partners to expand and enhance experiential school garden education, increase classroom nutrition education, and expand classroom and cafeteria taste tests in order to increase consumption of and preference for fruits and vegetables. Isles will also provide curricular support in the form of teacher training and guide implementation of key nutrition components of the District Wellness Policy as well as increase the amount of local foods purchased by the school district.

New Mexico

Capacity Builders, Inc. - \$50,000

Farmington, New Mexico

Type of Grant: Planning

Capacity Builders, Inc. (CBI) will form and lead a Leadership Team over a 24-month period to develop a Farm to School Action Plan. Located in San Juan County, New Mexico, CBI will engage Central Consolidated School District staff/administrators, local producers, and community members to be part of this planning initiative. Central Consolidated School District, as CBI's partner, and with its 15 schools and approximately 6,000 students, qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision and all students are eligible to participate in the free meal service program. Every student in the school district will benefit from a Farm to School Program as will local producers.

La Semilla Food Center - \$99,962

Anthony, New Mexico

Type of Grant: Implementation

The goal of the Paso del Norte Farm to School project—a collaboration among Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsden Independent School District, La Semilla Food Center, and Sol y Tierra Farmers' Cooperative—is to improve access to local foods in schools and make local food products available to school salad bar menus in the Paso del Norte region, through the implementation of a comprehensive Farm to School program that will solidify farm to school activities at 20 schools in 2 school districts. This Farm to School program encompasses strong organized procurement with schools and farmers, coordinated and infrastructure-backed local aggregation and distribution that bring local or regionally produced foods into school cafeterias and classrooms; and hands on experiential learning activities.

National Center for Frontier Communities - \$100,000

Silver City, New Mexico

Type of Grant: Implementation

The National Center for Frontier Communities (NCFC) will build on the ongoing success of its Southwest New Mexico Food Hub to scale the current supply chain, facilitate sales to up to six regional school districts and provide local food education to students in three school districts. NCFC will leverage key partnerships across the region to increase sales to local schools and help increase revenue for frontier and remote farmers.

Taos County Economic Development Corporation - \$49,692

Taos, New Mexico

Type of Grant: Planning

The project will identify ways to fill gaps in the local food supply chain in order to give small-scale producers — especially Hispano and Native growers — access to institutional markets while offering healthy, locally grown food to students. The plan will examine how to adapt school meal menus to accommodate more local ingredients, expand existing school gardens and local food-related programs, and incorporate agricultural education into day-to-day classroom curriculum at each school in the district.

New York

Center for Agricultural Development and Entrepreneurship - \$100,000

Oneonta, New York

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Center for Agricultural Development & Entrepreneurship (CADE) will develop a stakeholder-informed model that will close gaps in the regional food supply chain by commodity--from farm to processor to distributor to school--unlocking the potential for 50 eligible school districts in NY's Southern Tier and Mohawk Valley to purchase 30% of food locally, to help realize NY's new F2S law. As a result, Farm to School Coordinators and food purchasers will have increased capacity to procure local, nutritious food for our communities' children. Farmers, processors, and distributors will access vast new markets and increase profits. As an additional outcome, CADE will put forward this regional model to be replicated and scaled in other regions across NYS where such challenges continue to persist.

Common Ground Farm - \$99,999

Beacon, New York

Type of Grant: Implementation

Over two years, The Beacon Farm to School project will grow New York State procurement to 30% of all lunch menu-item purchases, increase plant-forward entree items on the school menu by 20 recipes, provide Farm to School-based professional development to food services staff, and support integration of Farm to School curricula at the middle school level by training teachers, building a school garden, and providing educational resources. Implementation of this proposal will allow Common Ground Farm to hire a Farm to School Coordinator who will support the Food Services Director by developing a local procurement plan. This project will impact all students in the Beacon City School District, with a focus on 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Food service staff and teachers will receive the support needed to implement change in both the cafeteria and the classroom.

Hamburg Central School District - \$68,089

Hamburg, New York

Type of Grant: Implementation

Hamburg Central School District, in partnership with West Seneca Central School District and nonprofit partners, will increase the volume of local products served in school meals through procurement and educational activities. The program will expand hands-on curricular integration of Farm to School concepts in the district schools. Lessons will include nutrition education, plant growth, and environmental awareness activities to engage students in the concept of local foods. Additionally, improvements to kitchen infrastructure will allow the districts to process more whole produce, including squash, apples, and potatoes.

Madison-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services - \$100,000

Verona, New York

Type of Grant: Implementation

Madison-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services (MO BOCES) will lead and work in partnership with the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES (OHM BOCES); Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES (HFHO BOCES); and thirty-one (31) additional public school districts across three counties in upstate New York State as well as the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County (CCEOC). This project will scale up the area's existing Farm to School (FTS) initiative by developing mechanisms and tools that make it logistically easier for interested schools to procure local crops and products and by creating educational connections that support FTS in school, home, and community over the long term.

Poughkeepsie Farm Project - \$100,000

Poughkeepsie, New York

Type of Grant: Implementation

Poughkeepsie Farm Project will partner with Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation, Poughkeepsie City School District, and Wappingers Central School District on a project called NY Food for NY Kids. Project partners will focus on three main areas: farm, garden, and food education for students; training for school nutrition staff and educators, and procurement of local foods for school meals.

Queensbury Union Free School District - \$53,162

Queensbury, New York

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Queensbury Union Free School District will expand its existing Farm to School program, growing student participation and starting new educational programming and enhance program access for students and staff. New training will be provided for food service staff to prepare new fresh produce-based items, to recruit new farming partners into the program and to expand student program participation and awareness. Key partners will include: food service staff (who will receive additional training and provide new meals and programming), local farmers (both existing partners and new participants), Aramark, the district's food management service (which will provide logistical support), SUNY Adirondack (who provide culinary arts student interns for programming) and district administrators (who will oversee and support the program).

Schenectady City School District - \$50,000

Schenectady, New York

Type of Grant: Planning

Schenectady School District will plan and pilot a school garden summer enrichment program, reaching over 1000 students and plan a local food procurement program to reach all students who receive school lunch. This will include planning with a community gardening organization to assess and prepare school gardens and develop curriculum. In addition to providing hands-on education and a sampling of produce grown on campus and at local farms, the district will plan for a significant shift toward providing nutritious, locally-produced foods in school lunches. To meet this objective the Director of Food Services will partner with the food service vendor, Sodexo, as well as other community partners to develop a strong network of local food producers and a reliable system of procurement, traceability, food processing, preparation, and promotion.

Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Educational Services - \$100,000

Newark, New York

Type of Grant: Implementation

Wayne-Finger Lakes (WFL) Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is a Local Educational Agency that provides educational services to 25 component public school districts in rural Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties in the Finger Lakes region of New York State. The program will include 16 school districts; four local offices of Cornell Cooperative Extension; Headwaters Food Hub; and other farmers, producers, and distributors. Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES will hire a Farm to School Coordinator who will work with our partners to develop systems of production and distribution to allow participating schools to source 30% of the food served at lunch and summer feeding programs from local sources.

North Carolina

Cabarrus County Schools - \$100,000

Concord, North Carolina

Type of Grant: Implementation

Cabarrus County STEM Schools, in partnership with the NC State University Plants for Human Health Institute, the Cabarrus Health Alliance, and Dole will complete the creation of our K-12 gardening pipeline to match our already existent K-12 STEM pipeline. These entities will create a K-12 gardening curriculum aligned to the NC Standard Course of Study and the current Cabarrus County curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to be exposed to various gardening techniques and elements throughout their entire school experience. This experience will lead to a healthier and happier community in the future.

North Dakota

Tribal Nations Research Group - \$43,511

Belcourt, North Dakota

Type of Grant: Planning

A planning effort to determine how the Tribal Nations Research Group can implement a farm to school program in collaboration with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. This project will involve the Turtle Mountain Community Schools (TMCS), developing a leadership committee comprised of Tribal leadership, health and educational professionals, as well as the TMCS School Board, parents, and students. The committee will be tasked with identifying suitable local crops for farm to school relevant procurement and education, develop a plan to implement local foods awareness and develop an agricultural education curriculum.

Ohio

Adams County Ohio Valley School District - \$45,645

West Union, Ohio

Type of Grant: Planning

Adams County Ohio Valley School District 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 effort will be used for development of a pilot program at the district's Career and Technical Center, bringing locally-produced meats, vegetables, fruits and milk to school lunches. Upon the successful completion of the pilot program, local product will be introduced in the district's other seven buildings.

Appalachian Center for Economic Networks - \$24,000

Athens, Ohio

Type of Grant: Training

The Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet) will provide Food and Drug Administration (FDA) processing, Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requirements and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plans for participants attending two day workshops in the ACEnet Food and Farm Enterprise Center and the Food Ventures Center in Athens County. The workshops will provide hand-on training in food processing and product development to Farm to School project managers, food hub and commercial kitchen operators, specialty crop producers, livestock producers, and wholesale food processors to scale Farm to School access in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. Attendees will be trained to develop FDA thermal processed, fresh-cut, frozen and dehydrated products to extend seasonal demand by schools districts beyond fresh produce.

Cuyahoga County District Board of Health - \$100,000

Parma, Ohio

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health and Feed Our Future team will utilize farm to school strategies that connect producers to the cafeteria through a local food procurement bid and piloting minimally processed product; collaborate to develop complex produce centric recipes and provide regional culinary trainings; and convene parents, students, and stakeholders through digital media and in person events to create opportunities for school aged children to make mindful choices for what they eat.

Franklin County Public Health - \$99,332

Columbus, Ohio

Type of Grant: Implementation

Franklin County Public Health will recruit additional public school district in Franklin County to participate in Ohio Days: My Plate, My State. This program features one meal a month served in school cafeterias that is entirely grown, raised and/or processed in Ohio. The project team will also work with schools and community partners to evaluate the Ohio Days: My Plate, My State harvest of month program and perform a current conditions of farm to school activities in Franklin County. The assessments will culminate into develop lasting tools and resources that support access to Ohio grown, raised and/or processed foods, develop integrated curriculum tools and resources for educators, establish a Franklin County Farm to School Coalition and award mini grants to support farm to school activities.

Green Umbrella - \$46,131

Cincinnati, Ohio

Type of Grant: Planning

Green Umbrella, Greater Cincinnati's regional sustainability alliance, is partnering with Cincinnati Public Schools, West Clermont Public Schools, Mt. Healthy Public Schools and Campbell County Public Schools to develop a regional Farm to School Action plan. Through leveraging existing community partnership, local food hubs, and statewide and national resources to, the planning coalitions will develop implementable strategies for increasing local food in school menus, overcoming production and distribution barriers, integrating food production and nutrition education into classrooms, and better connecting the broader community to the schools' farm to school programs.

Parma School District - \$47,638

Parma, Ohio

Type of Grant: Planning

Parma School District will build and implement a healthy farm to table programming throughout the district and community through collaboration with all district programming including such as Career Technical Education, Special Education and Nutrition Services.

Steubenville City Schools - \$48,215

Steubenville, Ohio

Type of Grant: Planning

Steubenville City Schools will work with Jefferson County Farm Bureau and Ohio State University to bring local produce into the school cafeteria and support a comprehensive student-focused curricula incorporating agricultural-based learning. All 2,415 Steubenville students - urban youth facing intergenerational poverty, food scarcity, and low levels of education, will benefit.

Values-in-action Foundation - \$50,000

Cleveland, Ohio

Type of Grant: Planning

Values-in-Action Foundation will establish a school and community garden at John Adams High School in Cleveland, OH as part of their Project Love High School of Character, Values & Community program. The comprehensive school-wide character education/social-emotional learning program, is fully integrated into the John Adams building and curriculum and works with the entire student body (550 students enrolled in 2017/2018) each year. As part of the establishment of the garden this new program element will also integrate agricultural, nutritional and environmental lessons into the student's standard curriculum, as well as yearly community planting and harvest celebrations. Eventually John Adams will be able to use the fresh produce harvested from the garden in the cafeteria as part of the school lunch program, possibly sharing their bounty with neighboring Nathan Hale elementary and middle school.

A Whole Community, Inc. - \$99,214

Wooster, Ohio

Type of Grant: Implementation

"Growing a Farm to School Community in Wayne County" is a unique collaboration between the non-profit A Whole Community, Inc., Northwestern Local Schools, Wooster City Schools, and The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute, Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center, and Wayne County Extension. Using a multi-faceted approach that will increase local produce on school menus and create a flourishing Farm to School culture in the school and community, this project will: expand the supply chain partnerships to offer a diverse array of local produce for schools to purchase, implement an Individualized Farm to School Plan for each school to identify barriers and create solutions, including providing food service staff with training, menus, recipes, and kitchen supplies, and implement Farm to School Ambassador Clubs, led by school staff and college interns, that are student driven and parent supported, as they host experiential nutrition education activities.

Oklahoma

The Chickasaw Nation - \$99,347

Ada, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Implementation

This grant project will support the expansion of existing farm to school activities to improve locally grown fruits and vegetables served in meals that are provided to students at the Chickasaw Nation Head Starts, Early Childhood Center, Ada Public Schools and Byng Public Schools. Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services will focus on expanding classroom education to include monthly lessons focused on agriculture concepts, providing increased exposure to fruits and vegetables through taste testing and inclusion of a cultural language component.

Earth Rebirth – \$55,855

Norman, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Implementation

Earth Rebirth will build a school garden network in Norman, OK. This garden will feature a garden networking app that allows teachers and classes to strive for garden projects that are profitable.

Healthy Schools Oklahoma - \$100,000

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Implementation

Growing up Healthy will provide students with on-site growing opportunities, education on the importance of eating fresh, healthy foods and hands-on tasting parties. HSOK will also include a community/parent component. The Growing up Healthy project will reach approximately 50 schools across the state of Oklahoma, impacting nearly 25,000 students K-6 students. Key partners include participating schools and districts, Oklahoma County Medical Society and the Oklahoma Farm to You program.

Howe Public Schools - \$94,321

Howe, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Implementation

Howe Public Schools will collaborate with two local farms, in addition to boosting production from existing school gardens, to increase the use of fresh fruits and vegetables in the school lunch program and educate students about health and nutrition. The school system will utilize an already operating farm truck, scheduling routine produce deliveries throughout the school year in addition to the cultivation of the existing 11-acre school garden site. Students will be trained on school garden farming equipment to improve the garden’s annual yield. These changes, combined with improved kitchen processing space and an enhanced outdoor learning center, will enable a more robust and sustainable farm to school program.

Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma - \$49,875

Miami, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Planning

The Modoc Nation (Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma) will develop a partnership with Miami Public Schools to facilitate planning the introduction and regular consumption of locally raised bison meat into the student lunch program.

Porter Consolidated School District - \$33,905

Porter, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Planning

Porter School District's "Cultivating a Farm to School Program" will partner with Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology Culinary Arts, Wagoner County Oklahoma State University Extension Office, Hunger Free Oklahoma, Wagoner County Health Department, USDA Farm to School/Ag in the Classroom, 4H/Youth Development Horticulture & Landscape Arch., and a Farm to School Coach to develop a broad plan. This plan will bring local or regionally produced foods into the school cafeteria; provide hands-on learning activities such as school gardening, farm visits, and culinary nutrition classes; integrate food-related education into the regular, standards-based classroom curriculum to prepare students for careers in agriculture.

Quapaw tribe of Oklahoma - \$49,910

Quapaw, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Planning

The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and the Quapaw Public School District will undergo an innovative Farm to School Planning Project. Planning will consist of; organizing a Farm to School Organizing Committee to develop and implement a needs assessment tool to assess the community's need and readiness for development of a farm to school program; utilizing Quapaw High School to lead and present research projects to identify obstacles, resource gaps, and potential strategies to overcome barriers to launching farm to school activities; and compiling and analyzing the results of the data collection to complete a Farm to School Action Plan using USDA's Farm to School Planning Toolkit.

Tahlequah Public Schools - \$49,950

Tahlequah, Oklahoma

Type of Grant: Planning

Tahlequah Public Schools (TPS) will work in the three elementary schools around gardens, nutrition curriculum and a successful onsite farmers markets. School procurement of locally grown foods will also be assessed. TPS will work with its main partners, the OSU Extension Office, Tahlequah Farmer's Market, Cherokee Nation Healthy Nation and the Cherokee County Health Services Council TSET Healthy Living Program.

Oregon

Alliance for a Healthier Generation - \$49,231

Portland, Oregon

Type of Grant: Training

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation will provide Farm to School trainings to Louisiana and Tennessee school districts and OST providers across the two states. These trainings will be designed to build capacity of these districts and communities to utilize and implement Farm to School initiatives. They will offer a multi-level training model that includes one in-person training per state and two state level live virtual trainings. Three on demand trainings will be developed for all schools, districts and Out-of-School Time organizations across the country. They will work with regional USDA Farm to School staff, Department of Education, School Nutrition Association State Associations, state Out of School Network Coalitions and Farm to School Networks throughout the project.

Food Roots - \$95,164

Tillamook, Oregon

Type of Grant: Implementation

This project will increase the health, nutrition, and well-being of children in Tillamook County by expanding Food Roots' Farm to School programming capacity. Food Roots will increase Farm to School education capacity in Tillamook County by launching a new professional learning community to train teachers in a comprehensive, 20-lesson track, K-6 Garden Education Curriculum which provides high-quality, garden-based education aligned with Next Generation Science Standards. This Garden Education Curriculum will then be available for independent implementation in area schools. Food Roots will also expand local food procurement in Tillamook County schools with the piloting and launch of a locally-sourced salad bar initiative in 2-4 schools in which salad bar greens will be direct-sourced from local, North Oregon Coast farms.

Growing Gardens - \$91,678

Portland, Oregon

Type of Grant: Implementation

Growing Gardens will increase access to fresh local foods, specifically from the school gardens, and inspire over 4,000 children to eat local foods at 9 schools in 4 school districts. This will be accomplished through meal planning and production planning with Nutrition Services staff, engaging students at the K-6 level in meaningful hands-on school garden lessons, and training Nutrition Services staff at each participating school about the benefits of a Farm to School approach.

Klamath County School District - \$96,538

Klamath Falls, Oregon

Type of Grant: Implementation

Klamath County School District Farm-to-School: Feeding our Students, Farmers and Economy project will partner with Oregon State University-Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center to establish purchase requisitions (aka contracts) and a supply chain with area farmers and producers, procure food for school meal programs, provide needed training to farmers and food service staff, and expand an existing Farm-to-School educational and food-tasting program.

Pennsylvania

North Clarion County School District - \$100,000

Tionesta, Pennsylvania

Type of Grant: Implementation

North Clarion County School District (NCCSD) will expand upon a school garden that was implemented in the spring of 2016 with assistance from the Pennsylvania Farm to School Grant program. The purpose of the expansion will be to provide sustainable student grown foods on a weekly basis to all students served through the NCCSD cafeteria lunches. The garden will be located on NCCSD property. Produce will be planted and harvested by the students of the NCCSD elementary and high schools using modern agricultural farming methods in cooperation with local farmers and agricultural consultants. Implementing a system to store and transfer produce, primarily potatoes, from the garden to the school lunch menu throughout the school year is an essential component of this grant application that will affect all students within the district. An educational component will override all aspects of the project.

Pennsylvania Department of Education - \$99,982

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Type of Grant: Implementation

This project involves development and dissemination of a statewide Harvest of the Month Program for Pennsylvania schools. In addition, through a collaboration with the School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania (SNAPa), Farm to School presentation will be conducted through regional workshops, and Harvest of the Month promotion will be incorporated into SNAPa's annual conference.

Pocono Mountains United Way - \$29,720

Tannersville, Pennsylvania

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Pocono Mountains United Way will bring various stakeholders together, including four local school districts, a local hospital, local farmers, and the local State University through the community's recently formed Hunger Coalition to develop a county-wide farm to school action plan. Using the USDA Farm to School Planning Toolkit, the community aims to increase local food purchasing in school cafeterias, while providing students with immersive education in the classroom and school garden settings to increase local food consumption.

Weavers Way Community Programs D/b/a Food Moxie - \$50,000

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Type of Grant: Planning

FOOD MOXIE, Martin Luther King and W.B. Saul Public High Schools and Weavers Way Farms will engage in outreach and listening sessions to create a strategic plan that guides our collaborative efforts in improving and/or expanding experiential and nutrition-based educational activities for over 1000 Philadelphia students eligible for free and reduced lunch programs.

Puerto Rico

Aspira Inc. of Puerto Rico - \$43,737

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Type of Grant: Planning

This project will serve 3,766 students from ten public schools in Cabo Rojo, PR (8 primary and 2 secondary schools), of which 78.1% participated in free lunch. ASPIRA envisions a FTS that get students, teachers, food service staff, parents, and communities excited about local food and agriculture, and healthy eating. Through partnerships with the PR Department of Education, the PR Agricultural Extension Service, the Cabo Rojo Municipality, and other civic, private and public organizations we will plan an FTS aimed to encourage school community to participate in the agricultural learning that is locally available to them.

Centro De Estudiante Y Maistro Investigador, Corp. - \$44,316

Manati, Puerto Rico

Type of Grant: Training

The Farm to School Expo 2019's goal is to provide training and important information to a total of 200 participants so that they can strengthen their supply chains, increase their knowledge and capacity of local purchases, development of school gardens so that they can be used as teaching laboratories, increase interest in local products, and for curriculum integration. During the expo, we will also coordinate a matchmaking event where the different stakeholders will get a chance to establish and make business proposals to other stakeholders within the Farm to School supply chain. The Farm to School Expo 2019 has support from Puerto Rico's Secretary of Agriculture who will be attending the event, and important local producers.

Puerto Rico Department of Education - \$95,294

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Type of Grant: Implementation

This Farm to School Project will be housed in the schools: Julio Selles Solá (636 students), Sotero Figueroa (335 students) and University Gardens (539 students) where approximately 83.37% of students are eligible for F/R lunch. The school gardens in these schools that will be scaled up will grow the required herbs to make "sofrito" a basic condiment in Puerto Rican food. The gardens will grow cilantro, peppers and "recao". The harvested herbs will be transferred to the school lunch cafeteria where they will be processed with the remainder garlic and onions to be processed. The Association of Farmers Developing a Successful Agriculture (AFUEA) in Spanish, will provide technical assistance on the construction of these tables, the earthworm compost used and the sustainable design of the project as well as workshops on innovative farming practices. A field trip to an eco-agricultural farm will provide students a first-hand experience of the outcome of their school gardens.

Rhode Island

Farm Fresh Rhode Island - \$52,181

Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Type of Grant: Implementation

Farm Fresh Rhode Island will leverage Rhode Island's strong history of farm to school activities to research, create and pilot a farm to school curriculum that conforms to core classroom standards, engages all school stakeholder groups: students, teachers, parents, administrators and food service directors.

South Dakota

Brookings School District 05-01 - \$50,000

Brookings, South Dakota

Type of Grant: Planning

Brookings Farm to Early Care and Learning Initiative will develop an action plan and execute a pilot project in Brookings County South Dakota. The Brookings Farm to Early Care and Learning Initiative will convene and connect stakeholders, increase local food procurement, and create and test tools and educational resources for an early care and learning setting. Brookings School District, South Dakota State University Extension, the Fishback Center for Early Childhood Education, and the Local Foods Education Center will lead these efforts. The pilot project will impact will families and children at the Fishback Center and Hillcrest Elementary School, and findings will guide the long-term goal to build a farm to early care and learning network in Brookings County and ultimately throughout the state.

Tennessee

Morgan County Schools - \$100,000

Wartburg, Tennessee

Type of Grant: Implementation

Morgan County is a rural county located in the Appalachian Mountains of East Tennessee. Morgan County Farm to School Hydroponic Greenhouse growing system will allow for a beneficial relationship between the schools' food and nutrition program and Morgan County Career and Technical Center horticulture and culinary arts programs. This project will utilize a traditional greenhouse, primarily used to grow flowers, and convert it to a hydroponic produce growing system. The food and nutrition program plans to purchase produce from the hydroponic greenhouse, and the earning will be reinvested. The culinary program will collaborate with food services and the greenhouse to provide education to the students on utilizing locally sourced produce. These education opportunities are crucial to a rural county school system; learning to grow crop and becoming educated on healthy lifestyles play a critical role in the development of a more rounded and successful community.

Murfreesboro City Schools - \$100,000

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Murfreesboro City Schools (MCS) Farm to School Program will add 20 hydroponic gardens located in 13 school cafeterias and increase scope and size of school garden beds to our existing program. Through the oversight of our Farmer Educator, a growth cycle will be implemented across the district to increase the supply of fresh vegetables in school cafeterias. The Farmer Educator will work with teachers to ensure students have numerous opportunities to participate in Farm to School activities including planting, harvesting, and farm-based field trips. Likewise, teachers through the aid of Farm to School, will incorporate standard driven comprehensive agricultural and nutrition curriculum into existing lesson plans and after school activities. The program will work under the direction of the Dept. of Nutrition & Coordinated School Health utilizing community resources such as Middle Tennessee State University, UT Extension & Farm Credit.

Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network - \$48,801

Martin, Tennessee

Type of Grant: Planning

The Northwest Tennessee Local Food Network is collaborating on a Farm to School Planning Project with the Weakley County School District to create a unified vision for Farm to School activities and implementation framework through the creation of a Farm to School Action Plan affecting all Weakley County Schools.

Texas

Elgin Independent School District - \$100,000

Elgin, Texas

Type of Grants: Implementation

The Elgin Farm to School Program includes Elgin Independent School District (ISD), Sustainable Food Center and Texas Center for Local Food along with several local farmers. This team will work to increase the amount of locally grown fresh produce consumed by students and families, enhance partnerships between local farmers and community organizations to increase access to locally grown produce, increase community knowledge of healthy eating practices, local resources, and nutrition utilizing local produce and develop a model for small rural school districts that engages the community, supports healthy practices for all, and sustains overall wellness for children and families. This will be accomplished through activities in the areas of: curriculum development and alignment including integration of school gardens, family and community engagement and procurement and technical assistance to local farmers.

Laredo Independent School District - \$100,000

Laredo, Texas

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Laredo School District's "Enhancing Agricultural Literacy through Community Education" builds a foundation for developing farm fresh activities and practical applications that increase leadership skills including team building, problem solving, critical thinking, communication, ethics, and professionalism connecting classroom knowledge and academic experiences with everyday practice in leadership and organizational activities for the purpose of Education, providing outdoor exercise, and practice in healthy life styles that start with eating right.

Waco Independent School District - \$48,319

Waco, Texas

Type of Grant: Planning

The Farm to School Program will be a pilot program for Waco Independent School District's (WISD) Child Nutrition Services department that collaborates with the World Hunger Relief Farm, Inc., the Waco Downtown Farmer's Market, and the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District. The program will focus on expanding on existing District initiatives and activities that use local produce and institutionalizing new initiatives that promote healthy eating, and provide WISD students with the opportunity to learn about fresh produce through garden-based programming and new cafeteria offerings.

Vermont

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets - \$98,918

Montpelier, Vermont

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets will develop a coordinated, supported, and sustainable FTS programs in three rural districts serving 20 Vermont schools with a high percentage of low-income students. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture will use a team approach working with statewide and regional partners to provide farm to school technical assistance and training at the district-level that embeds best practices in food, farm, garden, and nutrition education in schools in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties in Vermont. Programming will improve school meal program participation, engage students in authentic learning with local farmers, and enhance educational outcomes by linking activities in the cafeteria, classroom, and community for desired impact and sustainability.

Virginia

Fairfax County Public Schools - \$49,997

Falls Church, Virginia

Type of Grant: Planning

Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) Office of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) will create a comprehensive 5-year Farm to School Action Plan that will reach all 190,000 FCPS students and play an integral role in the educational experience of students for years to come. The Action Plan will encompass vision and goals, procurement strategy, distribution and processing, staff training, and will be a collaborative effort between FNS, FCPS departments, community partners, agricultural producers, and supply chain entities. The program will also feature collaboration between FNS and FCPS' Hollin Meadows Elementary, a Title I school with a 12-year proven commitment to outdoor garden spaces as a pillar of a thriving school community, to develop and pilot structures for greater synergy between classroom learning, growing spaces, and the school cafeteria that will be made available to all schools within FCPS.

Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, innovation and Rural Sustainability - \$86,000

Richmond, Virginia

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability is a non-profit offering Lulus Local Food, a cloud-based e-commerce solution designed to simplify online sales for farms, farmers markets and food hubs. Lulus provides solutions for common procurement, logistical and sales issues faced by farmers and end-users. Schools purchasing local food face barriers including procurement, inventory and available quantities, seasonality, and timely delivery. With slight modifications, Lulus can offer a solution to these issues. Procurement from farms will be simplified for schools, enabling nutrition directors to easily offer local foods to students. Farm to school can become a reality for schools across the nation.

Washington

The Sustainable Living Center - \$99,500

Walla Walla, Washington

Type of Grant: Implementation

The Sustainable Living Center will collaborate with Walla Walla Valley Farm to School to expand its services in the greater Walla Walla region through strategic planning; doubling the number of active school gardens; increasing teacher and garden personnel (managers, school staff, volunteers) professional development opportunities; conducting community education and outreach through Food Focus events; hosting an annual Harvest Celebration fundraiser and working with school nutrition services directors to facilitate collaboration in purchasing and promotion of local food in school breakfasts, lunches and tasting opportunities, as well as highlighting the farmers producing the food.

West Virginia

Reconnecting McDowell - * (award amount not yet finalized)

Charleston, West Virginia

Type of Grant: Implementation

Reconnecting McDowell, along with the McDowell County Board of Education and various community partners, will implement a Farm to School plan which will address food security issues amongst the student population of McDowell and increases consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables. This will be accomplished by working to streamline the process of local food purchases for the McDowell County School System with a single drop-off point for processing, educating and empowering students to participate in the process, and work to engage the community in support for local food programs.

Wisconsin

La Crosse County - \$100,000

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Type of Grant: Implementation

The La Crosse County Health Department and statewide partners, including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will expand the Wisconsin Chili Lunch event to increase the use of Wisconsin-grown foods across the lunch tray, develop supply chains for local products, and improve overall meal quality. The project expects to impact at least 100 school districts across the state, while increasing market opportunities for the state's farmers, processors, distributors, and supply chain partners.

WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection - \$98,457

Madison, Wisconsin

Type of Grant: Implementation

Wisconsin Dairy for Wisconsin Schools will address the documented barriers to procuring local dairy products in K12 child nutrition programs, while providing much needed new markets for small and mid-sized dairy farmers. DATCP will work with long-time Farm to School program partners, University of Wisconsin Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS) and the Center for Dairy Research to work with dairy processors and a school food purchasing group to make affordable and nutritious WI dairy products available for school food programs across the state.