

Farm to School (USDA) – proposals due 12/8/16

Grant Program Title	Farm to School
Funding Source	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Who is Eligible	Eligibility varies based on grant track. Generally: schools, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers or groups of agricultural producers, and non-profit entities. See pp.16-18 of RFP for detailed eligibility information.
Application Due Date	12/8/16
Submission Method	Grants.gov
Budget Information	Allowed: personnel, contractors, equipment (except for Planning, Training grants) and supplies, meeting expenses, travel, and training. No more than 10% of grant funds can be used for food purchases. Partners can be sub-grantees.
Match Required?	25% cash or in-kind, can't use Federal funds
Purpose of the Grant Program	The purpose of the Farm to School Program is to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools.
Project Period	Varies based on grant track. Support Service, Implementation: 12-24 months. Planning: 18 months. Training: 12 months.
Available Funding	\$5M available, estimated 75 awards. Support Service, Implementation: \$65k-\$100k. Planning: \$20k-\$45k. Training Grants – State: \$15k-\$25k. Training Grants – Regional/National: \$25k-\$50k. Amounts are total award.
Program Deliverables	Each track will fund a variety of activities. Can only apply to one. Support Service grants are for eligible entities working with schools or school districts to further develop and provide broad reaching support services to farm to school initiatives. Implementation grants are for schools/districts scale or further develop existing farm to school initiatives. Planning grants are for schools/districts just getting started in farm to school activities, to organize and structure their efforts. Training grants are for eligible entities to support farm to school-related trainings or technical assistance.
Evaluation Requirements	Evaluation is required for all tracks except Training. Contracting with a third-party evaluator is included in the scoring rubric as an example of a plan to conduct basic evaluation activities.
Other Pertinent Information	Webinar is scheduled for 9/29 at 1 pm EST
Link to RFP	http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=288870 Go to the Package tab, select Download Instructions