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 www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer for more information.

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Funding Agency

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

Rural Business Enterprise and Opportunity Grants

Facilities Grants

and Loans

Facilities Grants and Community Loans

Rural Business Enterprise and **Opportunity Grants**

> Rural Cooperative Development Grants

Value-Added Producer Grants **Producer Grants**

K-12 Public, Private, or

ssistance Grants

Facilities Grants

your eligibility on the webpage for the entities can often partner with eligible entities to benefit from programs they might not otherwise have access to.



Learn More...

Funding from the Food and Nutrition Service

Farm to School Grants - www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/grants

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

Equipment Assistance Grants - www.fns.usda.gov/fy2015-nslp-equipment-assistance-grants-sfas

Funding from the Agricultural Marketing Service

Farmers Market and Local Foods Promotion Grants - www.ams.usda.gov/lfpp and www.ams.usda.gov/fmpp

Federal State Marketing Improvement Program - www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/FSMIP

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - www.ams.usda.gov/scbgpstatepocs

Funding from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Community Food Project Grants - www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/communityfoodprojects.cfm

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants - www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/bfrdp/bfrdp.html

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

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

Funding from Rural Development

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

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans - www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-quarantees

Rural Business Enterprise and Opportunity Grants - www.rurdev.usda.gov/bcp_rbeg.html and www.rurdev.usda.gov/bcp_rbog.html

Value Added Producer Grants - www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP VAPG.html

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

Funding from the Farm Service Agency

Farm Loans - www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index

Farm Storage Facility Loans - www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA File/frm storage facility lns.pdf (PDF)

For more information, and to sign up for USDA's Farm to School E-letter, visit www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool.

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