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](http://www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer) for more information.

### I am a Local Government
- Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants
- Farm to School Support Service & Training Grants
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Community Facilities Grants and Loans
- Rural Business Enterprise and Opportunity Grants

### I am a Farmer, Rancher, or Farm Landowner
- Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants
- Farm Loans
- Farm Storage Facility Loans
- Farm to School Support Service & Training Grants
- Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Value-Added Producer Grants

### I am a State Agency or Tribal Government/Org
- Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants
- Federal-State Marketing Improvement Grants
- Specialty Crop Block Grants
- Farm to School Support Service & Training Grants
- Team Nutrition Training Grants
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Community Facilities Grants and Loans

### I am a Non-Profit Organization
- Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants
- Farm Storage Facility Loans
- Farm to School Support Service & Training Grants
- Community Food Project Grants
- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants
- Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Community Facilities Grants and Loans

### I am a Private Business, Public Benefits Corporation, or Ag Co-Op
- Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants
- Farm Loans
- Farm Storage Facility Loans
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants
- Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Community Facilities Grants and Loans
- Value-Added Producer Grants

### I am a Higher Education Institution
- Federal-State Marketing Improvement Grants
- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants
- Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans
- Community Facilities Grants and Loans
- Rural Cooperative Development Grants
- Value-Added Producer Grants

### I am a K-12 Public, Private, or Indian Tribal School
- Farm to School Planning & Implementation Grants
- Equipment Assistance Grants
- Community Facilities Grants and Loans

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

**Funding from the Food and Nutrition Service**


**Funding from the Agricultural Marketing Service**

Federal State Marketing Improvement Program - [www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/FSMIP](http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/FSMIP)

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - [www.ams.usda.gov/scbgpstatepocs](http://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](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/communityfoodprojects.cfm)


Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grants - [www.sare.org/Grants](http://www.sare.org/Grants)

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants - [www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri.html)

**Funding from Rural Development**


**Funding from the Farm Service Agency**

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

For more information, and to sign up for USDA’s Farm to School E-letter, visit [www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool).

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