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Federal Grants for Farm to School, More Information

Dear Districts,

On 17 April we sent out an email regarding federal grants for Farm to School (see email below). We just received further information from USDA with webinar dates, FAQs, sample proposals, and instructions for using Grants.gov. You will find all of this information below, and it is also posted on the USDA Farm to School website, <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2_grant_program.htm>. Please let Rachel Staver, Senior Consultant (303-866-6653; [staver\_r@cde.state.co.us](mailto:staver_r@cde.state.co.us)), know if you have any questions. Here’s to Farm to School grants for Colorado!

**WEBINARS:**

On **Tuesday, May 15, 3:00 pm EST (note: this is a time change)**, USDA will offer an **Implementation** **grants** webinar.  On **Thursday, May 17, 1:00 pm EST**, a **Planning grants** webinar will be offered.  Both webinars will be presented by Deborah Kane, National Farm to School Director, FNS, and Greg Walton, Grants Management Specialist, FNS.  The webinar will help to explain to interested applicants the details of the grant and will include a brief Q and A session.  Interested parties may submit questions ahead of time via the registration link below. These sessions will all be recorded and posted on the Food and Nutrition Service website shortly following the sessions.

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.**

To register for the webinars, please visit <http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/17fb9g4f5f4>. Should you have any questions, please email  [Deborah.kane@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Deborah.kane@fns.usda.gov) or Greg Walton at [farm2school2013@fns.usda.gov](mailto:farm2school2013@fns.usda.gov).

**TO RECAP:**

Tuesday, May 15, 3:00 pm EST: Implementation Grant webinar

Thursday, May 17, 1:00 pm EST: Planning Grant webinar

Register for one or both webinars: <http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/17fb9g4f5f4>

Questions?: [Deborah.kane@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Deborah.kane@fns.usda.gov) or [farm2school2013@fns.usda.gov](mailto:farm2school2013@fns.usda.gov) or submit them to the webinar via the registration link.

**FAQs:**

USDA has also recently posted on the Farm to School website, <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2_grant_program.htm>, a list of Frequently asked Questions regarding the farm to school grants.

**SAMPLE PROPOSALS:**

Sample proposals for all three types of grants – Planning, Implementation Schools, and Implementation All others – are now posted on the [website](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2_grant_program.htm).

**HOW TO REGISTER FOR GRANTS.GOV:**

It is a process that takes awhile. Detailed instructions for how to register are now posted on the [website](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2_grant_program.htm).

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Good Afternoon, Everyone,

Please see the message below from Rachel Staver regarding an exciting opportunity for federal grants supporting Farm to School activities!

Thank you,

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**Federal $$ for Farm to School is now available!**

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) anticipates awarding up to $3.5 million in grant funding to support efforts that improve access to local foods in eligible schools.

Two types of grants are available:  Planning grants for districts that have not yet done any Farm to School activities, but would like to, and implementation grants for districts and other organizations with Farm to School experience and community partnerships. Planning grants are expected to range from $20,000 - $45,000 and represent approximately 25 percent of the total awards. Implementation grants are expected to range from $65,000 - $100,000 and represent approximately 75 percent of the total awards.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

* April 17, 2012: Request for Applications Released
* May 18, 2012: (Suggested) Letter of Intent Deadline
* June 15, 2012: Proposals Due
* (Pending the Availability of Federal Funds) Shortly after October 1, 2012: Awards Announced and Funds Available

The Request for Applications (RFA) was released today and is available on the USDA website: [www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2\_grant\_program.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2_grant_program.htm).

For more information, check out the website and the attached summary, or contact Rachel Staver at CDE (see below for contact information).

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