

## Appendix C: Grant Opportunities for School Districts

**Farm to School Grants** from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Office of Farm to Fork: The CA Budget Act of 2020 includes a \$10 million one-time General Fund allocation for the 2020-21 fiscal year and \$1.5 million annually thereafter to establish a Farm to School Grant Program and provide ongoing support for the California Farm to School Network. The program will provide grants to schools to establish programs that promote local and California grown food procurement and utilization in school meals. It will also support food and agriculture education in classrooms and cafeterias.

### **USDA Farm to School Grant Program**

Designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools, grants can help farm to school programs get started or expand existing efforts. Funds support a wide range of activities from training, planning, and developing partnerships to creating new menu items, establishing supply chains, offering taste tests to children, purchasing equipment, planting school gardens, and organizing field trips to agricultural operations.

Please visit the USDA's [website](#) for a full list of available grants that support farm to school activities.

**Lifetime Foundation** Provides financial grants for capital equipment, staff training, education and marketing, and operational support through multi-year partnerships with school districts. In partnership, they create and implement a plan to shift towards foods free from harmful ingredients and increase fresh food offerings and scratch and speed-scratch cooking practices.

### **USDA Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP)**

Grants can be used for the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise, or to improve or expand a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure.

**No Kid Hungry** is a national campaign run by Share Our Strength, a nonprofit working to solve problems of hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. In response to COVID-19, No Kid Hungry provided emergency grants to over 1,000 schools and continues to provide numerous grant opportunities to districts and non-profits to enhance food distribution programs across the nation.

### **USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)**

SNAP-Ed teaches people using or eligible for SNAP about good nutrition and how to make their food dollars stretch further. The SNAP-Ed program also promotes a wide range of [grant opportunities](#) through the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) website.

**Salad Bars to Schools (SB2S)** Chef Ann Foundation has a grant program that provides schools and districts with salad bar equipment and support, such as Cambro bars, camchillers, and technical assistance.

### **Food Waste Prevention and Rescue**

**Grant Program** The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle): The purpose of this competitive grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing or establishing new food waste prevention and/or rescue projects in California to reduce the amount of food being disposed in landfills. Projects must be in California and result in permanent, annual, and measurable reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

**Whole Kids Foundation** Provides funding for the [Get Schools Cooking Program](#) which supports medium-sized school districts in transforming their lunch programs from processed foods to scratch-cooked meals. Other grants are available for student education, salad bars, and school gardens.

For additional information on available grants, resources, and recipes please see the [resource guide](#) published in *Friends of the Earth's Scaling Up Healthy, Climate-friendly School Food* report.