

## 10-Cents a Meal Grant



### What is it?

- Competitive match- grant opportunity
- No additional purchases – you are already buying fruits, vegetables, and legumes for your meals just make it a Michigan one!
- Awarded grant amounts based on past local purchasing - \$1,000 to \$50,000
- Awards are paid out in 10-cent increments for every meal served with a piece of local produce

### Who Can Apply?

- All school and non-school sponsors who participate in child nutrition programs.
- Eligible meals include school meals (SNP) and Seamless Summer (SSO) meals of breakfast, lunch, afterschool snacks, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meals of breakfast, lunch, snacks, suppers and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals of breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

### How do I Apply?

- A link will be published on August 2<sup>nd</sup> on the MDE School Nutrition Page and will be emailed out through several lines of communications.
- Full instructions for the application will be included in these communications.
- The application will be open from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through close of business on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

### How do I Purchase Local Fruits and Vegetables?

- Local produce can be purchased from broadline distributor, food hub, school garden, farm market, farmer's market, grocery store, DoD, commodities
- Fruits, vegetables, and legumes must be minimally processed. Produce that is washed, cut, dried, and packaged are allowed. Items that are canned, such as applesauce, are not allowed.

### How do I count Meals?

- Tally total USDA meals served with a local produce from your production records.
- Submit 10-cent meal counts into MiND with your monthly reimbursement.

### What is this FarmLogix?

- After you purchase the local produce, submit completed spreadsheets into FarmLogix to validate purchases.
- Must submit twice the amount in invoices for amount of grant awarded.

### What else is required?

- Complete the quarterly surveys that tell us what you are doing and where you need help.
- Promote local produce through taste testing, posters, flyers, newsletters, guest speakers.
- Form partnerships with Farm To School activities, partner with neighboring districts for procurement and promotion, MSU Extension, MI Harvest of the Month

