

Guide to Farm to Program Grants

	Eligibility	Details	Funding	Application
Farm to Program	All schools and non-school sponsors that participate in a child nutrition program can participate in Farm to Program.	Farm to Program includes all efforts to serve local foods at program sites. Sources include school gardens, fundraisers using local agricultural products, food hubs, farmers' markets, DoD produce, and broadline distributors.	Farm to Program is supported by MSU, MDE, and MDARD. Federal grant opportunities are also available to support Farm to Program.	Farm to Program encompasses many different activities which may or may not include an application for funding. https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/food/food-distribution/local-purchasing
10 Cents a Meal	All schools and non-school sponsors that participate in child nutrition programs are eligible for this grant.	The grant provides match funding for the purchase of Michigan-grown fresh or minimally-processed fruits, vegetables, and legumes.	This is a competitive match-grant opportunity. The award amount is calculated based on past purchasing data – ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000.	The application for 10 cents a Meal will typically be available in August. The program year runs from September to August.
2022 Team Nutrition Grant	Eligible schools must have a student population that is at least 40% eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Grantees must also participate in 10 Cents a Meal and enroll as a Team Nutrition School.	Grantees will receive one-on-one assistance to identify and work with farmers to increase the use of local foods. Taste testing and nutrition education events focused on local food will be offered to students and the community.	Grantees are awarded \$3,500 to purchase supplies, small equipment, posters, and handouts. Examples of purchases include taste testing supplies, and the production and printing of nutrition education materials.	Cohort 1 applications will be accepted until October 31, 2022. Cohort 2 applications will be accepted until November 30, 2022. Applications for Cohort 3 will be accepted if there are remaining funds.



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Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP)	Eligible schools must have a high percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Grantees must also have students enrolled in grades K-6.	The FFVP provides a free fruit or vegetable snack during the school day. There is no requirement to use local produce in the FFVP, but buying local is a great opportunity to get the highest-quality produce.	Grantees are awarded \$50-\$75 per student to run the program. They are also encouraged to provide nutrition education with the snacks, although grant funds cannot be used to purchase these materials.	The FFVP program year runs from October to September. We aim to release the application in late Spring, and you can check our website for updates. https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/food/sntp/fruit-veg/topics/how-to-apply
Department of Defense Produce (DoD)	All schools and non-school sponsors that participate in USDA Foods for NSLP can receive DoD Produce.	DoD Produce is government-procured fresh produce available for purchase using USDA Foods entitlement. Approximately 40% of the produce for this program comes from Michigan.	Schools allocate a portion of their USDA Foods entitlement to DoD Produce. There are no minimums or maximums on the amount they can allocate.	There is no application for this program. Schools must indicate their desire to participate by choosing a USDA Foods consortium in their Child Nutrition Coordinated Application annually.
Local Food for Schools Program (LFSP)	All School Food Authorities (SFAs) participating in NSLP can receive the LFS grant.	LFSP is a supply chain relief program that reimburses schools for the purchase of Michigan-grown fresh or minimally-processed fruits, vegetables, legumes, dairy, grains, and proteins.	The grant award is calculated through a fair-share process that is based on prior school year meal counts.	There is no application for this grant. Funds are allocated to all eligible program sponsors.

