

Nevada USDA Farm to School Grant Awards

2013

Nevada Department of Agriculture

Sparks, Nevada

Grant Type: Implementation; \$90,720

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) will be collaborating with the Nevada Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition and School Health (OCNSH), and Nevada Health Districts to provide Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and food safety training to school garden coordinators, producers, and Future Farmers of America (FFA) instructors in order to move safe regionally produced foods into Nevada schools. Partnering agencies will also establish networking initiatives between Nevada producers, distributors, School Food Directors/School Food Authorities, Health Districts, and regulatory agencies in order to improve understanding regarding how the school food program operates and how these entities can collaborate in fulfilling the objective of providing locally produced foods into school cafeterias.

2014

Healthy Communities Coalition of Lyon and Storey Counties

Dayton, Nevada

Grant Type: Support Service; \$100,000

Lyon County School District and Healthy Communities Coalition's will collaboratively work with local producers, cooperatives, and school gardens to increase access to locally grown and minimally processed foods for the children and teens of Lyon County. Together our goals are to: increase the economic prosperity for our local farmers; increase the health and wellness of our children; and, increase the number of food-literate children through school garden exposure. To meet these goals, Healthy Communities will work with local farms, vendors, cooperatives, food management companies, the Lyon County School District, and the Mason Valley Boys and Girls Clubs to develop strategies for increasing the availability of local food in the school lunch program, increasing school garden production, and encouraging the utilization of school garden produce in student snacks at the Boys and Girls Clubs.

2015

Washoe County School District

Reno, Nevada

Grant Type: Planning; \$22,992

The goal of the Washoe County School District Farm to School planning grant is to produce a comprehensive feasibility study to identify strengths, weaknesses, barriers, and opportunities in developing a farm to school program in Washoe County to serve more than 62,900 Kindergarten through 12th grade students. The main objective of the study will be to determine program logistics and cost analysis for implementing all aspects of a farm to school program.

The key outcome is a comprehensive study that will provide a platform to design and develop a final farm to school implementation plan which will support the District's Board of Trustees' policy for nutrition and wellness guidelines.

2016

Urban Roots and the Nevada Department of Agriculture

Sparks, Nevada

Grant Type: Training – State; \$19,666

Urban Roots and the Nevada Department of Agriculture will host a Nevada farm to school conference focused on procurement training, defining local, food safety, curriculum integration, farm to school activities, and local champions. A field trip and networking session will promote networking and highlight farm to school activities occurring regionally and state wide.

2018

Las Vegas Valley Water District

Las Vegas, Nevada

Grant Type: Training; \$50,000

The Las Vegas Valley Water District and Springs Preserve, a non-profit established to support the district's programmatic efforts, will create 11 educational videos that will serve as a companion to the Springs Preserve's Teaching Garden. The educational videos will be used by Clark County School District for training purposes and will be available on the Springs Preserve's website.

2019

Urban Roots Garden Classrooms

Reno, Nevada

*Grant Type: Implementation; * (award amount not yet finalized)*

Urban Roots Garden Classrooms will provide a 12-month program for low-income schools that includes a comprehensive approach to experiential agriculture education. About 1,000 students will receive gardening experience in northern Nevada's high-desert climate while participating in hands-on activities that increase their understanding about healthy eating. Through the project, participating K-8 students will receive farm-based and school garden curriculum as well as family engagement methods that inspire learning in the home environment. Additionally, lessons and resources will incorporate Indian Education while including content focused on traditions, culture, and nutrition. School teachers and parents will be evaluated for program success and long-term attitudes/behavior changes regarding student awareness of food, sustainability, and healthy behaviors. Key partners include the Washoe County School District, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

2020

Nevada Department of Agriculture

Sparks, Nevada

Grant Type: State Agency; \$50,013

The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) will hire a contract, part-time Farm to School Coordinator (F2SC) to dedicate the time and effort necessary to build farm to school momentum, education and procurement in Nevada. The F2SC will work closely with the NDA School Nutrition Supervisor/F2S Project Director and NDA Plant Industry Division (PID) partners to identify local producers who will be potentially interested in collaborating with school districts to grow and successfully sell products to Child Nutrition Programs. The F2SC will also organize networking events at statewide conferences, as well as local producer visiting events to school sites, for local procurement and agriculture education promotion.

2021

City of Henderson

Henderson, Nevada

Grant Type: Implementation; \$88,218

Hydroponic Gardening Systems will be created in four schools in the City of Henderson. In addition, they will focus on building one outdoor garden and programming for two outdoor gardens. These will be used for hands-on physical science learning, demonstrations, and student Farmers' Market participation.