North Dakota USDA F2S Grant Awards

2016

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Bismarck, North Dakota

Grant Type: Training - State; \$15,177

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction will host a "Put Our State on Your Plate" conference aimed at increasing food service professionals' capacity to purchase local foods and producers' knowledge around marketing products to schools, child care centers, and Summer Food Program sponsors. Topics will include discovering the variety of local foods available, procurement methods, food safety, food presentation, classroom activities, developing adventurous tasters for childcare centers, and demonstrations on how to use online marketing tools to develop connections between producers and schools.

2017

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction

Bismarck, North Dakota

Grant Type: Support Service; \$75,000

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and North Dakota Department of Agriculture will partner to promote local foods through North Dakota Farm to School Month and Pride of Dakota School Lunch Day with special menus and aprons for schools and child care facilities. They will contract with a farmer and marketing partner to provide technical assistance and subgrants to schools and child care facilities conducting farm to school and farm to preschool activities.

2019

Tribal Nations Research Group

Belcourt, North Dakota

Type of Grant: Planning; \$43,511

A planning effort to determine how the Tribal Nations Research Group can implement a farm to school program in collaboration with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. This project will involve the Turtle Mountain Community Schools (TMCS), developing a leadership committee comprised of Tribal leadership, health and educational professionals, as well as the TMCS School Board, parents, and students. The committee will be tasked with identifying suitable local crops for farm to school relevant procurement and education, develop a plan to implement local foods awareness and develop an agricultural education curriculum.

2020

Dickinson Public School District

Dickinson, North Dakota

Grant Type: Planning; \$49,571

The Dickinson Public School District will use funds to increase local fruit and vegetable procurement and agricultural education for its 4,085 K-12 students in Stark County, North Dakota. The district will develop an agriculture education pathway for K-8 students that connects to the high school's agriculture courses, promote healthy eating habits, and create a Farm to School Action Plan for sustainability. The district will collaborate with North Dakota State University's Cooperative Extension to complete the proposed project.