

Wyoming USDA Farm to School Grant Awards

2015

Wyoming Department of Education

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Grant Type: Support Service; \$65,000

Wyoming has plans for connecting Wyoming producers with Wyoming schools. The Wyoming Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs will work with schools, producers, and other related entities (Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Business Council, Ag in the Classroom, and the University of Wyoming Agriculture Extension Office) to provide training and technical support in a continuing effort to improve access to local foods in eligible schools across Wyoming. The training and technical support will provide education and information through regional training sessions, and webinars.

2017

Fremont County School District #38

Arapahoe, Wyoming

Grant Type: Planning; \$33,106

The Fremont County School District #38 will support a coordinator to draft the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Farm to School Action Plan, build capacity, and collaborate with the local task force to develop Arapahoe's farm to school project.

2018

Wyoming Department of Education

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Grant Type: Implementation; \$95,607

The Wyoming Department of Education will implement the "Wyoming Farm to School Expansion and Evaluation", a strategic plan to secure partnerships, continued expansion, and education with accurate data collection. The program will provide culinary and School Garden GAP and Junior Master Gardener training and workshops. Through partnerships with the University of Wyoming Extension and Cent\$ible Nutrition programs, four high tunnel workshops will be conducted with Cent\$ible Nutrition.

2021

Casper Community Greenhouse Project

Casper, Wyoming

Grant Type: Turnkey; \$50,000

The Casper Community Greenhouse (CCGP) will partner with the Natrona County School District, Wyoming Department of Education and Park Elementary School, which has a strong

leadership role in farm to school, to build an edible greenhouse garden. A short growing season, unpredictable weather, and late and early frosts have encouraged the CCGP to build teaching greenhouses where children in school can readily take part in the growing. This allows them to grow and teach year-round and provide produce even in the coldest of weather. The opportunity to impact young children early with farm to school will ultimately create lifelong skills and a healthier community.

Casper Housing Authority CARES

Casper, Wyoming

Grant Type: Turnkey; \$50,000

Casper Housing Authority CARES will be installing an edible teaching garden at their childcare center. The center is located in a food desert and will be used to teach their children where food comes from and how to use it to prepare meals. As part of their CACFP program, CARES will include food from their edible garden into their meals.

The Center for Popular Education, Research and Policy

Fort Washakie, Wyoming

Grant Type: Turnkey; \$23,555

The Center for Popular Research, Education and Policy will work with new and existing partners on the Wind River Indian Reservation to recruit a diverse group of farm to school stakeholders including students, parents, educators, school administrators, tribal health organizations, local nonprofit groups, 4-H clubs, local food producers, and community leaders to create The Wind River Farm to School Action Plan. The goal of this project is to identify current and potential farm to school leaders within the community, and to work with those leaders and interested community stakeholders to create a comprehensive action plan to introduce and increase hands-on garden and agriculture education, indigenous foodways education, and to connect local food producers to the three school districts on the Wind River Indian Reservation to source healthy, fresh food for its schools.

Wyoming Department of Education

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Grant Type: State Agency; \$97,030

The Wyoming Department of Education will offer sub-grants for Wyoming schools, childcares and SFSP sponsors in securing partnerships, to implement a program, to continue expansion, and/or to continue to educate on Farm to School programs; initiatives; and possibilities. These subgrants can also be used for training, supporting current farm to school operations, planning a farm to school activity, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, and/or developing partnerships. Sub-grant awards will be based on funding needs as requested in each application. These sub-grants will then be able to meet the grant objectives of improving access to local foods in eligible schools and other organizations through comprehensive farm to school programming that will include local procurement and agricultural education efforts.