

Hawaii USDA Farm to School Grant Awards

2013

Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School

Laupahoehoe, Hawaii

Grant Type: Planning; \$44,800

LCPCS has an ambitious comprehensive environmental sustainability plan in which a key strand is to grow organic produce, cook and serve it in our cafeteria, and ultimately create a product for the open market. Specialized agriculture is a growing economic sector in our area. We will support local producers by establishing mechanisms to use their products in the school and will act as a catalyst for our student career paths in agriculture, culinary arts, and environmental jobs. In 2012/13 we will create a trial organic garden, coordinate with community organizations and volunteers, establish systems and protocols to bring our own and local products into the school, plan and trial school curricula for core subjects, nutrition and cooking, and prepare a comprehensive plan by September 2013 to implement the complete program in SY2013-14 including production of a commercial product with attending business and marketing curricula.

2015

The Kohala Center, Inc.

Kamuela, Hawaii

Grant Type: Support Service; \$99,991

The Kohala Center's project includes initiatives to increase the number of schools participating in the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and the amount of local food sourced by Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program schools; building relationships between school food purchasers, local distributors, and local farmers; developing a "Hawai'i K- 8 Farm to School Common Core/STEM Curriculum" that aligns garden- based learning and nutrition/food/agricultural education with the Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards (STEM); and strengthening the capacity and impact of the Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui, a statewide network of farm to school stakeholders.

2016

Kona Pacific Public Charter School

Kealahou, Hawaii

Grant Type: Planning; \$41,785

Kona Pacific Public Charter School will conduct an audit of existing farm to school activities and develop a farm to school action plan that incorporates on-site farm and student educational activities. The project will restructure all components into an integrated system that will ensure a flourishing and sustainable farm to school program.

2019

Kokua Kalihi Valley

Kalihi, Hawaii

Grant Type: Implementation; \$93,750

Kokua Kalihi Valley will provide youth with access to healthy food and education opportunities that connect them to their culture and community through farming, gardening, and nutrition education opportunities rooted in the cultural values of Hawai'i. Students will access affordable, local, organic produce through EBT-accessible farmers markets located at various Kalihi community venues and schools. Farmers, teachers, students, and their families will come together for community events where they will prepare meals with produce grown by youth and farmers. Part of Kokua Kalihi Valley's network of 50+ schools, community organizations and farmers, key partners include Kalihi Waena Elementary School, and Linapuni Elementary School, where 100% of students are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

Malama Honua Public Charter School

Waimanalo, Hawaii

Grant Type: Planning; \$49,971

Malama Honua Public Charter School is a free public school in Waimanalo, Hawaii in an agricultural community. The grant activities will address integration of current resources, leveraging of community knowledge, and sustainability of a school-wide Farm to School program. A scope and sequence Farm to School Curriculum for K-8 and a Five Year Farm to School Action Plan will also be developed.

2020

Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture

Kapaau, Hawaii

Grant Type: Implementation; \$93,649

Hawaii Institute of Pacific Agriculture (HIP Ag) provides agriculture and nutrition education to students grades K-12. Established in 2008, HIP Ag provides programs primarily in the Kohala District of Hawaii County. Its mission of practicing and teaching regenerative agriculture includes farm field trips and in-school workshops. The organization also works to increase the amount of local food produced and supplied to the Kohala Complex DOE. The project will implement a viable supply chain solution for local farm to school initiatives in North Kohala, Hawaii County, and State of Hawaii. The 10-acre farm of market gardening and tropical agroforestry will serve as a classroom for education and supply Farm to School (F2S) in Kohala with local produce. HIP Ag is helping HIDOE achieve F2S goals by building a network of local farmers in Kohala and working with them to increase their production and access to markets.

2021

Community Based Education Support Services

Hilo, Hawaii

Grant Type: Turnkey; \$48,253

Community Based Education Support Services and Connections Public Charter School will develop learning and food production experiences for students in grades K-12 on a jointly leased property in Kaumana on Hawaii island. One primary goal is for these gardens to function as living classrooms that reflect natural processes. Another is to help students develop a sense of achievement by taking ownership of the gardening tasks and outcomes. A final primary goal is to increase students' awareness of and appreciation of the "canoe plants" cultivated in ancient Hawaii. The school's cafeteria will use food grown by students.

Malama Honua Public Charter School

Waimanalo, Hawaii

Grant Type: Implementation; \$57,150

Malama Honua Public Charter School is a free public school in Waimanalo, Hawaii in an agricultural community. The grant activities will address integration of current resources, leveraging of community knowledge and the implementation of a farm to school program that is grounded and steeped in Hawaiian culture. A school-wide farm to school curriculum will be developed and aligned for all grades K-8.

Malama Kauai

Kilauea, Hawaii

Grant Type: Implementation; \$95,212

Malama Kauai's Farm to ECE CSA Program will build a sustainable Farm to ECE program to increase food access and education for young keiki on the rural island of Kauai, Hawaii. The program includes ECE procurement, CSA bag distribution to families, Zoom CSA cooking classes, and in-school Farm to ECE projects at schools. The organization is estimating a minimum of 5 ECEs with at least 30 students enrolled at each, and plan to targeting those with a high Free and Reduced rate as well as indigenous populations.

Na Lei Wili Area Health Education Center Inc

Lihue, Hawaii

Grant Type: Implementation; \$97,604

The Hawai'i Farm to CACFP Learning Collaborative Pilot for Family Childcare Homes (FCCs) aims to improve access to local foods and agriculture education in Hawaii's FCCs through comprehensive F2CACFP programming. This project will develop and facilitate a six-month pilot program to guide Hawaii's FCC's through an expanded Farm to Keiki curriculum and training model. Up to 360 FCC members (providers/co-providers/substitutes) will receive monthly LC packets and curriculum, monthly training/peer-to-peer learning/networking webinars, CACFP local procurement assistance (participating programs only), and technical assistance from local food and F2ECE experts.

