South Dakota USDA F2S Grant Awards

2013
**Bureau of Indian Affairs / Flandreau Indian School**
*Flandreau, South Dakota*
*Grant Type: Planning; $39,463*

In this ever changing food service program, we strive to provide nutritious and enjoyable meals for our students. Implementing a new farm to school program will compliment and invigorate our current program by offering students locally grown produce and protein sources. Because our student population comes from a demographic that faces many health risks and challenges, providing food education and increasing access to healthier dietary choices remains our ultimate goal. To achieve this we must do the following: create a plan for advancing and sustaining our relationships with local producers, Dakota Rural Action, SDSU Extension, Moody County Extension and other local resources; develop a workable purchasing program with local producers to increase availability to local produce and meats; train staff how to integrate the local, fresh products into our menus; educate our students about producing healthy foods and developing healthy eating habits; encourage students to learn more about local food production processes; and, establish an on-site community garden to extend students’ “hands-on” experiences and advance their emerging food production knowledge and skills.

2014
**Wolsey-Wessington Public School District 2-6**
*Wolsey, South Dakota*
*Grant Type: Planning; $21,631*

Wolsey- Wessington Public School District’s farm to school project will benefit 310 students in a rural and remote school district in central South Dakota. Forty-nine percent of our students are overweight or obese according to the 2012 SD Health Data, and over 44% receive free or reduced lunch. The district has no experience in local food procurement but is anxious to begin the process. Though the district has taken steps to improve the nutrition in the food program by providing a daily salad bar and serving whole grain bread, this project will improve the quality of our food by incorporating local products, and will also provide teachable moments that will help educate our students about nutrition and the origin of their food.

2015
**Inter Tribal Buffalo Council**
*Rapid City, South Dakota*
*Grant Type: Support Service; $99,189*

The project will assist schools on Tribal Reservations throughout South Dakota, including the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. The
The project will focus on strategic planning and infrastructure assessments to determine schools’ capacity to increase access to local and regional foods, with an emphasis on locally raised bison. The project will also focus on assisting schools to develop or enhance garden programs.

2017

**South Dakota Department of Education**  
*Pierre, South Dakota*  
*Grant Type: Training; $24,158*

The South Dakota Department of Education, Child & Adult Nutrition Services will partner with South Dakota State University Extension and Dakota Rural Action to provide a state-wide training opportunity on farm to school procurement that brings together stakeholders from across the supply chain to network and build business connections. A South Dakota Farm to School Procurement Training Handbook will be developed utilizing expertise from collaborative partners, and will be used to guide the training agenda and coursework.

2019

**Brookings School District 05-01**  
*Brookings, South Dakota*  
*Grant Type: Planning; $50,000*

Brookings Farm to Early Care and Learning Initiative will develop an action plan and execute a pilot project in Brookings County South Dakota. The Brookings Farm to Early Care and Learning Initiative will convene and connect stakeholders, increase local food procurement, and create and test tools and educational resources for an early care and learning setting. Brookings School District, South Dakota State University Extension, the Fishback Center for Early Childhood Education, and the Local Foods Education Center will lead these efforts. The pilot project will impact will families and children at the Fishback Center and Hillcrest Elementary School, and findings will guide the long-term goal to build a farm to early care and learning network in Brookings County and ultimately throughout the state.

2020

**Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe**  
*Eagle Butte, South Dakota*  
*Grant Type: Planning; $49,983*

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Farm to School Program has been developed to provide locally sourced beef and buffalo to the School Lunch Programs in the five schools that are located on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. The project will give local producers the opportunity to make their beef and buffalo available to the 2,200 children who are attending school on the Reservation. The grant funding will provide a financial means to develop an Action Plan to identify steps and processes needed to implement the program. Key partners will include the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo Authority Corporation, Bureau of Indian Education, the five Reservation school administrations, the five
Reservation school boards, USDA-FNS through the National School Lunch Program, SD Beef Council, and local producers. Other key partners will be identified through the Action Plan development process.

**Lower Brule Schools**  
Lower Brule, South Dakota  
**Grant Type: Planning;** $32,940

Lower Brule Schools (LBS) has identified farm to school as a way to connect with local farmers, procure local produce for each school in the District, and to advance agricultural education. Project efforts will lead to an increase in the availability of local produce, provide agricultural education as a potential vocation for students, and engage the community as part of the initiative. LBS will collaborate with Lower Brule Research, South Dakota State University Extension, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and South Dakota State University Pierre Regional Extension Center. Additional members of the local community will be part of the Planning Team for this comprehensive planning Project. Representation from the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe farm, community leaders, and parents will represent key sectors of the community to be on the Team.

**Red Cloud Indian School**  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota  
**Grant Type: Implementation;** $100,000

Red Cloud Indian School’s target population is Lakota students on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Southwest South Dakota. Red Cloud is located in and serves the tribal community on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Building off the planning and piloting efforts of the school farm over the last few years, the project will move into the implementation of a larger Farm to School Program located on the school campus. In addition, introducing production agriculture, using season extension techniques, to continue supply through the winter opens the possibility of student participation in the farm throughout the school year expands the curriculum opportunity available to students.

**South Dakota Department of Agriculture**  
Pierre, South Dakota  
**Grant Type: State Agency;** $98,250

South Dakota Department of Agriculture will collaborate with the South Dakota Department of Education, South Dakota Department of Health, Dakota Rural Action, South Dakota State University Extension Service, and additional partners to form the South Dakota Farm to School Network in order to expand Farm to School programs throughout South Dakota. The project will help to locate and bring together producers and schools throughout the state who want to implement Farm to School programs. As partners are brought together, programs are implemented, awareness and knowledge will increase, thus allowing open communication across the state of South Dakota and helping make implementation of Farm to School programs a less daunting process.
The Little Wound School District (a K-12, tribal community-serving school, located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation) in cooperation and with support from the South Dakota State University Extension Office and two local farms, Rebel Earth Farms and Homegrown Pork and Poultry, will serve 400 students through agricultural education efforts and include in-depth professional development for teachers to systemically incorporate use of farm learning in classroom curriculums. The farm will include a focus on both commercial crops of regional importance alongside traditional plants that have been historically used and consumed by the Lakota and Great Plains tribes.

Youth & Family Services, Inc.
Rapid City, South Dakota
Grant Type: Turnkey; $50,000

Youth & Family Service (YFS) will further develop food-producing gardens based at their E. Adams St. and E. Monroe St. facilities in Rapid City, South Dakota, and at YFS Fullerton Farm in Box Elder, South Dakota, for use in YFS Nutrition Services daily menus. The project will impact over 500 low-income children, ages 2-17, who attend YFS Head Start and out of school programming. Key partners include South Dakota State University Extension Service, YFS Nutrition Services, and interested community members serving on the Garden Planning Committee.