

Delaware USDA Farm to School Grant Awards

2013

Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids, Inc.

Hockessin, Delaware

Grant Type: Implementation; \$99,990

Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids (HFHK) is a 501c3 that works with schools to start vegetable gardening programs, and partners extensively with other aligned organizations. The project will positively influence students' health awareness/food literacy; knowledge of gardening, science, agriculture; and attitudes towards produce consumption through a "Food of the Month" marketing campaign that encourages consumption of produce in school cafeterias. An education cultivation program will engage students in hands-on gardening activities and science-based lessons, and will include healthy cooking demos and tastings. We will increase the amount of locally grown produce served in school cafeterias through via two types of "meet your farmer" events, such as a host a farmer and food service manager meet and greet. We will also coordinate student tastings with farmers. Finally, we will create a Delaware School Garden Network.

2014

Laurel School District

Laurel, DE

Grant Type: Planning; \$38,126

Laurel School District Nutrition Services will develop and implement a comprehensive and sustainable farm to school program through activities that include: assessing the availability and current distribution methods of farm to school produce within a 100 mile radius from the Laurel School District; building partnerships and business relationships with local and regional farmers; partnering with our local university to provide training to local and regional farmers focusing on food safety; partnering with non-profit organizations to train school nutrition staff on advanced food safety, farm to school item preparation, efficiency, and serving line marketing; assessing and revising our existing school wellness policy to encourage the local sourcing of produce for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program; conducting recipe and menu audits to identify areas where farm to school items could be incorporated or improved; and, applying the principles of behavioral economics to all four school cafeterias to encourage students to make healthier choices.

2015

Colonial School District

New Castle, Delaware

Grant Type: Implementation; \$100,000

Colonial School District is committed to connecting farms and school leaders to ensure that students have constant access to healthy local foods. This proposal is an opportunity to have students and staff directly engaged in the entire process of planning, growing and processing foods, creating new menus, and placing healthy foods directly into school nutrition programs. The district's only high school, William Penn, has access to Historic Penn Farm (117+ acres of workable farm land). Here, students will grow crops and supply them directly into school cafeteria breakfast and lunch programs.

2018

Colonial School District

New Castle, Delaware

Grant Type: Implementation; \$99,137

Colonial School District's (CSD) Penn Farm Project will build upon its success in educating students and surrounding communities of the importance of consuming fresh local foods and the impact it has on the environment, economy, and health. CSD will enhance their infrastructure and purchase season-extension materials and mechanized transplanting and harvesting tools to abate operational inefficiencies, extend the growing season, and develop additional work-based programming to expand educational opportunities to students, teachers, and community members.

2019

Food Bank of Delaware

Newark, Delaware

Grant Type: Planning; \$50,000

The Food Bank of Delaware will collaborate with the Delaware Farm to School Committee to develop a Farm to School Action Plan for Delaware by focusing on statewide scalability using data, expertise and ongoing work by the Committee.