

Idaho USDA Farm to School Grant Awards

2013

Jefferson Joint School District #251

Rigby, Idaho

Planning \$40,670

This project will provide an opportunity for Jefferson School District to bring farm to school to the district on a broader level by serving healthier meals and building relationships with the community and local producers. It also provides educational opportunities for students and staff, including training for food service personnel. Students will visit farms, taste test foods and learn about the ways their food is produced locally.

2015

Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Boise, Idaho

Grant Type: Conference and Event - State; \$18,028

Funding from this grant will support four seminars across the state designed to increase use of local foods on school lunch menus. The first conference will be held in February for producers who would like to learn more about marketing to school foodservice, including procurement, nutrition standards, food safety requirements, and the bid process. In the summer of 2015, three regional workshops will be held across the state to help school foodservice personnel find ways to incorporate more local foods into their menus. The workshops will include farm tours, seasonality issues, use of geographic preference in bids, recipe ideas, menu development, and hands on skill development to utilize more fresh foods in school kitchens.

2016

Salmon School District 291

Salmon, Idaho

Grant Type: Planning; \$44,878

Salmon School District 291 will develop a school-based garden and corresponding farm to school program. The program will be designed to establish long-term education goals and to provide access to healthy, affordable food for students, families and the community.

2021

Public Health District IV, dba Central District Health

Boise, Idaho

Grant Type: Implementation; \$62,572

The objective of The Garden at Glens Ferry project is to improve access to local foods in eligible schools through comprehensive farm to school programming that includes local

procurement and agricultural education efforts. This will be accomplished by creating a district-level program that lays the foundation for a lifetime of healthy habits. The proposed program will establish a school garden and greenhouse to offer experiential learning opportunities and help teachers and students make curriculum connections in non-traditional, non-classroom settings through various parts of the school day. Farm to school champions will be found in many parts of district and the surrounding community, and only together will the program yield success and sustainability for years to come.