



2023-24 California Farm to School Incubator Grant Program

Application Questions and Review Criteria – Track 3

Track 3: The California Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) Grant (100 points available total)

Here are a few important things to note:

- Applicants may use the questions below to draft application responses before filling out the online application. Questions in the online application may slightly differ.
- All applicants must submit their responses through the online application portal.
- When you see a character limit, this limit includes spaces.
- Both the CDFA and the independent farm to school evaluation team will have access to applications. If an application advances to technical review, then technical reviewers will also have access to the information applicable to their review.
- The review criteria outlined below includes the criteria the technical review committee will use when reviewing Track 3 applications.

CA Public Records Act:

All grant applications and project information submitted by farm to school grant applicants and/or grant recipients to the CDFA is subject to public disclosure. The California Public Records Act states that every citizen has the right to inspect and/or obtain a copy of any public record [Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.]. The CDFA Legal Office shall determine if the public record requested is exempt from disclosure. Public records must be disclosed unless exempt under the Government Code or other applicable law.

CDFA Privacy Policy: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/privacy.html

Application Questions	Review Criteria
 Application Questions 1. Organization Name 2. Organization Mailing Address 3. County Location: In what county is your organization located? 4. Eligibility: Please select your organization type California child care center that participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) California child care center that <i>does not</i> participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsor of Day Care Homes in California and/or of Child Care Centers in California Child Care and Development Fund Tribal Lead Agency in California Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency in California First 5 county commission in California Head Start grantee in California (i.e., an agency that is awarded funding by the Office of Head Start to provide or subcontract Head Start services in their area) Non-profit organization (includes agricultural industry non-profit organization) Tribal-based non-profit organization Resource Conservation District in CA University of California Cuert CAR) Quiversity of California Cuert Extension (UCCE) county office Public university in CA California Native American Tribe 	 Review Criteria Foundational Information: required but no points available Complete? Yes/No Eligible? Yes/No ECE Sites Project Will Serve: If applicant is a farm to ECE technical assistance organization, did they include at least two total ECE sites? Yes/No Did applicant list the name of each site; identify whether each site is a child care center, family child care home, or family/friend/neighbor (FFN) setting; and enter the physical address of each site? Yes/No Licensing: If applicant checked child care center as their organization type, is each site that their project will serve licensed? Yes/No If no, do they meet appropriate criteria for a license exemption? Yes/No Number of Students and Number of Young Children Are at least 51% of the students that the project will serve young children birth through age five? Yes/No

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 Local government in CA California Agricultural Marketing Program Project with a non-profit fiscal sponsor What is the name of your non-profit fiscal 	
 sponsor? 5. ECE Sites Project Will Serve: How many ECE sites will your proposed project serve? NOTE: if you are a farm to ECE technical assistance organization, at least two total ECE sites required. 6. List the name of each ECE site your proposed project will serve. Identify whether each is a child care center, family child care home, or family/friend/neighbor (FFN) setting and enter the physical address of each site. ECE Site 1 – Name: ECE Site 1 – Type: 	
 ECE Site 1 – Address: ECE Site 2 – Name: ECE Site 2 – Type: ECE Site 2 – Address: Etc. (6a) Licensing: If you checked child care center in #4 above, please provide the nine-digit facility number from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Community Care Licensing Division for each site that your project will serve so that the CDFA can verify that each site is licensed. If you are a child care center that meets appropriate criteria for a license exemption, please indicate that here in lieu of providing a facility number. 7. Number of Students: How many total students are enrolled at those ECE sites that you listed in #6? Please use School Year 2022-23 enrollment. NOTE: At least 51% of the students that each project serves must be 	

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 young children birth through age five (i.e., infants, toddlers, and/or preschoolers). Projects may also include school-age children if they attend the ECE sites that the project will serve. 8. Number of Young Children: How many of those students in #7 are young children birth through age 5? 	

Dollar Amount Requested: no points available	
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9. Dollar Amount Requested: Applicants may request between 50,000 to 200,000.	 Dollar Amount Requested: required but no points available Applicant must request within the applicable award range. Complete? Yes/No

Project Team + Letters of Support: no points available	
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 Farm to ECE Project Team: Please share name, title, and a two-sentence description of each team member's involvement in the project. The first sentence should describe the person's role within the project, and the second sentence should clearly describe why they think this project is important. Each project should have at least four team members. The same person may fill multiple roles. 10. Member 1: CA Food Procurement Lead - this person should ensure collaboration and coordination across the nutrition program, including procuring CA foods. This role is typically filled by a nutrition services director or similar leadership position within the nutrition services program. 	 Project Team: required but no points available Did applicant include a CA Food Procurement Lead? Yes/No Did applicant include an ECE Administration Lead? Yes/No Did applicant include a Food Education Lead? Yes/No Did applicant include a Farm to ECE Project Lead? Yes/No Did applicant include the required information for each team member (i.e., name, title, one sentence describing the person's role within the project, one sentence clearly describing why the person thinks this project is important)? Yes/No Did applicant explain what percentage of the Farm to ECE Project Lead's time will be dedicated to the project, as well as what other projects they oversee? Yes/No

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 11. Member 2: ECE Administration Lead - this leader should ensure collaboration and coordination for the overarching farm to ECE project and should show that the applicant is committed to farm to ECE implementation. This role is typically filled by an administrator or similar leadership position. 12. Member 3: Food Education Lead - this person should ensure teachers and educators are engaged in the farm to ECE project across the ECE sites and that students (and families if desired) are engaged in hands-on food education activities. For larger organizations, this role is typically filled by a chief education officer. For smaller organizations, this role is often filled by an Early Childhood Educator with a Child Development Teacher Permit. 13. Member 4: Farm to ECE Project Lead - this person will be the main point of contact for the grant. Please explain what percentage of this person's time will be dedicated to the project, as well as what other projects they oversee. 14. Additional Team Members, including proposed contractors – If your project team includes additional team members, please include them in this section. Please share name, title, and a two-sentence description of each additional team members may include ECE site partners, non-profit organization partners, local farmers/producers, proposed contractors, or other key members of your farm to ECE team. 	Letters of Support: required if applying as a farm to ECE technical assistance organization, but no points available • If applicant is a farm to ECE technical assistance organization, did they provide a letter of support from each ECE site the project will serve (as listed in #6)? Yes/No

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 Letters of Support: If you are a farm to ECE technical assistance organization, please upload a letter of support from each ECE site that this project will serve (required). 	

Project Team + Organizational Commitment: 15 points available	
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 15. Team Engagement: How will team members stay engaged in project implementation throughout the duration of the grant? [Character Limit = 2000] 16. Anticipated Challenges: Past grantees have shared challenges with hiring, construction timelines, supply chain disruptions, staff turnover, and general lack of staff capacity that have made it difficult to implement their proposed projects. Based on what you know about your organization, what challenges do you expect to face implementing this project, and how will your team overcome these challenges? [Character Limit = 3000] 17. Organizational Commitment: Describe how farm to ECE fits into your organization's existing goals and programming. [Character Limit = 2000] 	 Team Engagement: _/5 points Applicant's description of <u>how</u> team members will stay engaged in project implementation throughout the duration of the grant is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear Anticipated Challenges: _/5 points Applicant's description of challenges they expect to face while implementing this project and <u>how</u> their team will overcome these challenges is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear Organizational Commitment: _/5 points Applicant's description of <u>how</u> farm to school fits into their organization's existing goals and programming is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear
TOTAL	/15 points

Community Need: 35 points available	
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 18. CDFA Data Look-up: The CDFA will look up the following data. Applicants may skip this question. The CDFA will utilize the <u>Healthy Places Index</u> (HPI) map to determine the HPI 3.0 score for each ECE site that the project will serve (based on census tract of the ECE sites listed in #6 above). If the project will serve multiple ECE sites, the CDFA will calculate the average HPI 3.0 score across those sites. 19. Making the Case: In Parts A and B below, make the case for your community and for this project. Part A: What challenges does your community face that aren't reflected in the data point from #18 above? [Character Limit = 2000] NOTE: Specific challenges may include but are not limited to: food insecurity rate, child poverty rate, natural disasters such as wildfires and floods, impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the school community, CalEnviroScreen 4.0 percentile, historical and/or systemic injustices, limited resources, limited access to affordable and nutritious food, rural locale, etc. Part B: How does your proposed project meet those community needs that you identified in Part A above? [Character Limit = 2000] 	 CDFA Data Look-up: _/20 points Healthy Places Index (HPI) 3.0 Score (percentile): 20 points: less than 5 percentile 18 points: 5.1 to 10 percentile 16 points: 10.1 to 20 percentile 14 points: 20.1 to 30 percentile 12 points: 30.1 to 40 percentile 10 points: 40.1 to 50 percentile 8 points: 50.1 to 60 percentile 6 points: 60.1 to 70 percentile 6 points: 70.1 to 80 percentile 2 points: 80.1 to 90 percentile 2 points: 80.1 to 90 percentile 0 points: 90.1 to 100 percentile 0 points: 90.1 to 100 percentile 9 points: clear 9 points: clear 9 points: unclear Part B: Applicant's description of <i>how</i> their proposed project meets the community needs described above is: 6 points: clear 3 points: clear 9 points: unclear
TOTAL	/35 points

Project Title and Summary: no points available	
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 20. Project Title: What is the title of your proposed project? [Character Limit = 150] 21. Project Summary: Please describe your project in 1000 characters or fewer. If your project is selected for funding, the CDFA will share your project summary publicly as part of the grant announcement. The summary should succinctly state how your project will combine CA food procurement with hands-on food education efforts and highlight any significant investments or project outcomes. [Character Limit = 1000] 	 Project Title and Summary: required but no points available Complete? Yes/No

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 22. CA Food Procurement Goal: Check all that apply <u>Required Goal 1</u>: Our proposed project will increase procurement of California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed food for incorporation into ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children <u>Optional Goal 2</u>: Our proposed project will increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from small to midsize food producers in CA <u>Optional Goal 3</u>: Our proposed project will increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from small to midsize food producers in CA <u>Optional Goal 3</u>: Our proposed project will increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from veteran, socially disadvantaged, and/or limited-resource food producers in CA 	 CA Food Procurement Goal: required but no points available Complete? Yes/No At minimum, applicant must select Required Goal 1 NOTE: while no points are available for this question, there are up to 20 points available in the activities/timeline section below, which applicants will fill out based on the goals(s) they select here

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 Optional Goal 4: Our proposed project will increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from food producers in CA that utilize climate smart agriculture practices or production systems like certified organic or transitioning to certified organic [NOTE: In this grant program, the term "food producers" <i>does not</i> include school-operated gardens or school-operated farms. However, it <i>does</i> include third parties (such as individual contractors or non-profit organizations) that operate a farm on school property. If your proposed project will procure CA grown or produced, whole or minimally processed food for school meals from school-operated gardens/farms only, then you would be eligible to check goal 1 above, but <u>not</u> goals 2, 3, or 4.] 23. Audience: How many young children birth through age 5 will the CA food procurement component of your project reach? Please select one. All young children birth through age 5 who are enrolled in the ECE site(s) that the project will serve (reference responses to #6 and #8 above) Specific population(s) of young children birth through age 5? Please describe them (e.g., toddlers across all ECE sites, preschoolers across all ECE sites, etc.) 	Audience: required but no points available • Complete? Yes/No
 24. Budget Category #1a – CA Food Procurement (meals/snacks/food boxes): How much total grant 	Budget Categories #1a and #2: required but no points available

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 funding will the project allocate toward California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed foods for ECE meals/snacks and/or ECE food boxes for young children? (24a) Enter Total Dollar Amount: If \$0, please describe the other source(s) of funding that you will be using for CA food procurement (for meals/snacks/food boxes) during the project. (24b) Timeline: In what months will the project spend these funds on California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed foods for ECE meals/snacks and/or ECE food boxes for young children? Please select one. Throughout the duration of the project Other: enter month range here 25. Budget Category #2 – ECE Kitchen Costs: How much total grant funding will the project allocate toward ECE kitchen supplies, equipment, and infrastructure to support the utilization of California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed foods in ECE meals/snacks or ECE food boxes? NOTE: In accordance with the CDFA Grant Administration Regulations, Section 330.1(c)(1), if an equipment or infrastructure cost will benefit both grant project activities and non-grant project activities, then please approximate (using reasonable and properly documented methods) the proportion that is for proposed grant project activities as the proportion that may be charged to the grant award. (25a) Enter Total Dollar Amount: ECE kitchen supplies	Complete? Yes/No

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 describe each project. (25c) Enter Total Do equipment (27d) Itemiza list the ECE k the cost of each item's p (25e) Enter Total Do infrastructure (25f) Itemizat list the ECE k estimate the describe each project. (25g) Timeline: In wh spend these funds o equipment, and infra one. Throughout the set of the		
 Enter name(s): 27. CA Food Procurement Please complete the followir activities the project will imp food procurement goal durin timeline for each activity. Goal 	ng table, listing the specific lement to achieve each CA	 CA Food Procurement Activities & Timeline: _/20 points Goal 1: Applicant's description of <u>how</u> they will <u>increase</u> procurement of California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed food for incorporation into ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear Goal 2: Applicant's description of <u>how</u> they will <u>increase</u> procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for

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Required section for ALL applicants: (1) Increase procurement of California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed food for incorporation into ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children Note: This section is only required if you selected this goal as part of your proposed project. Otherwise, please skip this section. (2) Increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from small to midsize food producers in CA Note: This section is only required if you selected this goal as part of your proposed project. Otherwise, please skip this section. (3) Increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from small to midsize food producers in CA Note: This section is only required if you selected this goal as part of your proposed project. Otherwise, please skip this section. (3) Increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from veteran, socially disadvantaged, and/or limited-resource food producers in CA Note: This section is only required if you	the activities)	 ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from small to midsize food producers in CA is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear OR applicant did not complete Goal 2 Goal 3: Applicant's description of <i>how</i> they will <i>increase</i> procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from veteran, socially disadvantaged, and/or limited-resource food producers in CA is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear OR applicant did not complete Goal 3 Goal 4: Applicant's description of <i>how</i> they will <i>increase</i> procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from veteran, socially disadvantaged, and/or limited-resource food producers in CA is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear OR applicant did not complete Goal 3 Goal 4: Applicant's description of <i>how</i> they will <i>increase</i> procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks and/or food boxes for young children) from food producers in CA that <u>utilize climate</u> smart agriculture practices or production systems like certified organic or transitioning to certified organic is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear OR applicant did not complete Goal 4
selected this goal as part of your proposed project. Otherwise, please skip this section.		

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(4) Increase procurement of whole or minimally processed food (for ECE meals/snacks		
and/or food boxes for young children) from food producers in		
CA that utilize climate smart agriculture practices or		
production systems like certified organic or transitioning to certified organic		
	TOTAL	/20 points

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 28. Hands-on Food Education Goal: Check all that apply <u>Required Goal 1</u>: Our proposed project will increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that complements the meal program's and/or food box program's CA food procurement efforts <u>Optional Goal 2</u>: Our proposed project will increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is standards-aligned <u>Optional Goal 3</u>: Our proposed project will increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is standards-aligned <u>Optional Goal 3</u>: Our proposed project will increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is led by educators with a Child Development Teacher Permit <u>Optional Goal 4</u>: Our proposed project will increase opportunities for young children to 	 Hands-on Food Education Goal: required but no points available Complete? Yes/No At minimum, applicant must select Required Goal NOTE: while no points are available for this question, there are up to 20 points available in the activities/timeline section below, which applicants will fill out based on the goals(s) they select here

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 engage in hands-on food education that is culturally relevant 29. Standards-aligned: If yes to "Our proposed project will increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is standards-aligned", with which standards will the education component of your project align? Please check all that apply. California's Preschool Learning Foundations National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Standards Head Start Performance Standards Quality Counts California Standards Other, please specify: 	Standards-aligned: required if applicant selected Optional Goal 2, but no points available • Complete? Yes/No
 30. Audience: How many young children will the education component of your project reach? Please select one. All young children birth through age 5 who are enrolled in the ECE site(s) that the project will serve (reference responses to #6 and #8 above) Specific population(s) of young children within these ECE sites 	 Audience: required but no points available Complete? Yes/No
 How many young children birth through age 5? Please describe them (e.g., toddlers across all ECE sites, preschoolers across all ECE sites, preschoolers across all ECE sites, etc.) 31. Budget Category #1b – CA Food Procurement (student education): How much total grant funding will the project allocate toward California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed food for hands-on food education opportunities that engage young children? (e.g., taste tests, cooking lessons) (31a) Enter Total Dollar Amount: 	Budget Categories #1b and #3: required but no points available • Complete? Yes/No

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 (31b) Timeline: In what months will the project spend these funds on California grown or produced, whole or minimally processed foods for student education? Please select one. Throughout the duration of the project Other: enter month range here 32. Budget Category #3 – Hands-on Food Education Costs: How much total grant funding will the project allocate toward supplies, equipment, and infrastructure for hands-on food education opportunities that engage young children? NOTE: In accordance with the CDFA Grant Administration Regulations, Section 330.1(c)(1), if an equipment or infrastructure cost will benefit both grant project activities and non-grant project activities, then please approximate (using reasonable and properly documented methods) the proportion that is for proposed grant project activities as the proportion that may be charged to the grant award. (32a) Enter Total Dollar Amount – hands-on food education supplies: (32b) Itemization and Description: Please list the hands-on food education supplies and briefly describe each item's purpose in the project. (32c) Enter Total Dollar Amount – hands-on food education equipment; estimate the cost of each item, and briefly describe each item's purpose list the hands-on food education equipment tem, and briefly describe each item's purpose in the project. (32e) Enter Total Dollar Amount – hands-on food education equipment tem, and briefly describe each item's purpose in the project. (32e) Enter Total Dollar Amount – hands-on food education infrastructure:	

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 (32f) Item list the ha infrastructive item, and purpose (32g) Timeline: I spend these function supplies, equipm select one. Througho Other: en 33. Who will be responst on food education comp Enter name(s): _ 34. Hands-on Food Ed Please complete the foll activities the project will 		 Hands-on Food Education Activities & Timeline: _/20 points Goal 1: Applicant's description of <u>how</u> they will <u>increase</u> opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that complements the meal program's and/or food box program's CA food procurement efforts
Goal Required section for ALL applic		 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear Goal 2: Applicant's description of <u>how</u> they will <u>increase</u> opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is <u>standards-aligned</u> is: 5 points: clear
(1) Increase opportuniti young children to enga hands-on food educatio complements the meal program's and/or food program's CA food program's CA food program	ge in on that pox	 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear OR applicant did not complete Goal 2 Goal 3: Applicant's description of <u>how</u> they will <u>increase</u> opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is <u>led by educators with a Child</u> <u>Development Teacher Permit</u> is:

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 Note: This section is only required if you selected this goal as part of your proposed project. Otherwise, please skip this section. (2) Increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is standards-aligned Note: This section is only required if you selected this goal as part of your proposed project. Otherwise, please skip this section. (3) Increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is led by educators with a Child Development Teacher Permit 	 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear OR applicant did not complete Goal 3 Goal 4: Applicant's description of <u>how</u> they will <u>increase</u> opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is <u>culturally relevant</u> is: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear OR applicant did not complete Goal 4
Note: This section is only required if you selected this goal as part of your proposed project. Otherwise, please skip this section. (4) Increase opportunities for young children to engage in hands-on food education that is culturally relevant	
	TOTAL/20 points

Project Viability: 10 points available		
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 Additional Budget Information: 35. Budget Category #4 – Farm to ECE Staff/Labor Costs: How much total grant funding will the project allocate toward farm to ECE staff/labor costs that support the CA food procurement and/or hands-on food education goals? 	 Additional Budget Information: required but no points available Budget Categories #4, 5, 6, 7, 8: Complete? Yes/No 	

 (35a) Enter Total Dollar Amount (salaries/wages/stipends):
must comply with <u>Section 322 of the CDFA Grant</u> Administration Regulations and with the <u>maximum</u>

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allowable rates and amounts established by the	
California Department of Human Resources.	
 (36a) Enter Total Dollar Amount: 	
 (36b) Itemization and Description: Please 	
list the travel costs that this amount will	
fund and briefly describe the purpose of	
the travel for the project.	
 (36c) In what months will the project spend these 	
funds on travel? Please select one.	
 Throughout the duration of the project 	
Other: enter month range here	
• 37. Budget Category #6 – Contractual Costs: How	
much total grant funding will the project allocate toward	
contractual costs that support the CA food procurement	
and/or hands-on food education goals? NOTE:	
Contractual costs must comply with <u>Sections 319, 320.1</u> ,	
320.2, and 320.3 of the CDFA Grant Administration Regulations.	
 (37a) Enter Total Dollar Amount: 	
 (37a) Enter Fotal Dollar Amount (37b) Itemization and Description: Please 	
list the contractors or types of contractors	
that this amount will fund and briefly	
describe what each contractual	
cost/service for the project will be.	
 (37c) Timeline: In what months will the project 	
spend these funds on contractual costs? Please	
select one.	
 Throughout the duration of the project 	
 Other: enter month range here 	
• 38. Budget Category #7 – Other Costs: How much	
total grant funding will the project allocate toward other	
costs that support the CA food procurement and/or	
hands-on food education goals?	
 (38a) Enter Total Dollar Amount: 	

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 (38b) Itemization and Description: Please list the other costs that this amount will fund and briefly describe each cost's purpose in the project. (38c) Timeline: In what months will the project spend these funds on other costs? Please select one. Throughout the duration of the project Other: enter month range here 39. Budget Category #8 – Indirect Costs (up to 30% of direct costs): How much total grant funding will the project allocate toward indirect costs? NOTE: indirect costs may be up to 30% of budget categories 1-7). (39a) Enter Total Dollar Amount: (39b) Enter Indirect Cost Percentage: 	 Budget Review: _/5 points Part A: Proposed project costs sum to the total award amount requested in question #9: Yes/No Part B: Applicant's <i>identification</i> of each proposed project cost in the budget <u>and</u> applicant's descriptions regarding <u>the purpose of</u> each cost in the project are: 5 points: clear 3 points: somewhat clear 0 points: unclear
• •	 Sustainability Plan: _/5 points Applicant's description of <u>how</u> they will sustain this project or elements of this project beyond the duration of the grant term (including staffing costs if the project includes them) is:

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category #4), please discuss plans to sustain the roles	 5 points: clear
beyond the duration of the grant term.	 3 points: somewhat clear
[Character Limit = 2000]	 0 points: unclear
TOTAL	/10 points

Additional Applicant Information: no points available	
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 42. Contact Information: Who should we contact if we have questions regarding this grant application? First and Last Name Position Title Work Email Address Work Phone Number 43. Person Writing the Grant Application: Who is writing this grant application? First and Last Name Position Title Work Email Address Work Phone Number 44. Grant Agreement Signing Authority: If awarded, which of your project team members has signing authority for the grant agreement? First and Last Name Position Title Work Email Address 45. State representatives: Please click here to identify your organization's State Assembly District(s) and Senate District(s) as well as your State Assembly and Senate Members. Then, please list your findings. Please note that if you are awarded a grant, the CDFA will use this information to notify your state representatives of your award. 	Additional Applicant Information: required but no points available • Complete? Yes/No

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 46. Grant Administration & Accounting: If you receive an award, who within your organization will handle grant administration and accounting and what process does your organization plan to implement to handle grant administration and accounting? [Character Limit = 1000] 47. Program Income: Program income is gross income earned as a result of the grant award during the grant duration. Program income includes but is not limited to income from fees for services performed and income from the sale of commodities or items fabricated under the grant award. Will your proposed project generate program income? Yes No 	
 If yes – please describe the source/nature of the program income, estimate the total dollar amount of program income, and explain how you will reinvest the program income into the grant project and spend it on allowable project costs. [Character Limit = 1000] 	
 48. Project Reporting and Evaluation: Do you agree to do all of the following if awarded a grant? Please note that the reporting and evaluation activities below are required of all Track 3 grant recipients in this program. Please email <u>cafarmtoschool@cdfa.ca.gov</u> if you have any questions about these activities. Beginning Interview: The whole farm to ECE project team listed in this application will participate in an interview with CDFA staff between the point the project is selected for 	
funding and the time their project begins. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the	

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 Quarterly Check-in Surveys: Submit quarterly check-in surveys to the CDFA summarizing project progress, successes, and challenges. Annual Procurement Check-in: Submit data to the CDFA annually regarding California food procurement practices for the duration of the grant and the following year after the end of the project term. Final Interview: Participate in a final interview with the CDFA after the grant term concludes to discuss project successes, challenges, and other relevant information. External Program Evaluation: Participate in external evaluation activities conducted by a CDFA representative or external designee for this grant program. 49. Previous Grant Recipient: Has your organization previously received a CA Farm to School Incubator Grant? View the lists of 2021 grant recipients and 2022 grant recipients. NOTE: Previous grant recipients must be up-to-date with all grant reporting requirements to be eligible for consideration. Yes No If yes, provide the Grant Agreement number(s). Please describe how this project 	Review Criteria
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 Please summarize the accomplishments of the previous project(s). [Character Limit = 1000] 	

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Please note that <u>Assembly Bill (AB) 590</u> applies to recipients that are non-profit organizations.	
 If awarded a grant and if eligible for advance payment, would your organization be interested in requesting an advance payment? 	
 Yes No 	
 52. CA Public Records Act: I acknowledge that my application materials, including the application, supporting materials, and any other relevant information submitted to the CDFA, will be subject to the CA Public Records Act. Check yes here. 53. CA Farm to School Incubator Grant Program Evaluation: I acknowledge that as an applicant to the California Farm to School Incubator Grant Program, I may be contacted by a third-party evaluation team regarding my experience applying to the program. Check yes here. 	
 54. State and Federal Law: If awarded a grant, it is the responsibility of the Recipient to know and understand which State, Federal, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances are applicable to the grant agreement and the grant project. The Recipient shall be responsible for observing and complying with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. To acknowledge this statement, please check the box. 	

(Optional) Is there anything else you would like to share with us? Please note that answering this question or leaving it blank will not impact scoring. [Character Limit = 1000]

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