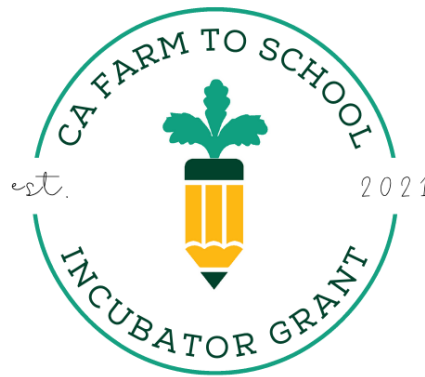




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 CA FARM TO SCHOOL INCUBATOR GRANT PROGRAM  
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**TRACK 1: THE CALIFORNIA FARM TO SCHOOL K-12  
PROCUREMENT AND EDUCATION GRANT**

*Academia Avance* \$150,000.00

**Los Angeles County**

Academia Avance will support students and families to develop lifelong dietary habits and decrease the prevalence of obesity through nutrition education and cooking classes. Academia Avance will increase the quantity and variety of fresh fruits and vegetables that it offers to students through the school meal program.

*Alhambra Unified School District* \$162,780.00

**Los Angeles County**

Alhambra Unified School District will partner with current food vendors to procure locally grown fruits and vegetables to incorporate into school meals. Harvest of the Month teachers will receive local produce for classroom activities and sampling. Student-led Nutrition Advisory Councils will promote healthy eating incorporating locally grown produce at schools.

*Alta Public Schools* \$149,972.00

**Los Angeles County**

Alta Public Schools will lead change in a community with food insecurity and lack of food access. Alta Public Schools will provide parents and students with high quality nutrition education and significantly increase the amount and variety of fresh fruits and vegetables in meal programs.

*Alum Rock Union Elementary School District* \$145,950.00

**Santa Clara County**

Alum Rock Union Elementary School District will collaborate with schools, community organizations, and local farmers to establish sustainable school gardens, integrate locally sourced whole foods into program menus, develop an environmental project-based curriculum that focuses on sustainable food systems, and provide nutrition education activities that engage students and parents.

*Antioch Unified School District* \$171,670.00

**Contra Costa County**

Antioch Unified School District will implement the Cultivating Minds with Farm Fresh Finds Project throughout the district's 24 schools. Students will have opportunities to taste locally grown produce and learn about produce with a nutrition education component. Food demonstrations, recipes, and information flyers will be part of this initiative.

*Elk Grove Unified School District* \$644,800.00

**Sacramento County**

Elk Grove Unified School District will develop relationships to purchase products directly from area farms and have farm product processed locally for fresh and/or frozen use in meals that it

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serves district-wide. Florin High School region Ag Tech and Culinary Academies will serve as hubs for school-grown produce, recipe development, and nutrition/agriculture education.

*Esparto Unified School District* \$150,000.00

**Yolo County**

Esparto Unified School District will procure California-grown produce to incorporate into school meal recipes. Esparto Unified will expand farm to community efforts by reviving and constructing indoor and outdoor learning spaces; developing or modifying curriculum at all schools; and educating students about the produce, nutrition, and health.

*Fallbrook Union High School District* \$29,106.00

**San Diego County**

Fallbrook Union High School District will increase student access to locally grown produce and educate students on the importance of its consumption from an environmental, fiscal, and nutritional perspective. The district will go beyond the classroom to provide farm visits, taste tests, hands-on recipe development, and a variety of educational resources for its students.

*FIELD/EPIC de Cesar Chavez High School* \$150,000.00

**Kern County**

EPIC de Cesar Chavez High School will provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students who are mainly farmworkers who grow the food but cannot afford to eat the produce they grow due to the high cost. EPIC de Cesar Chavez High School will also provide education and training on fresh food production and healthy foods.

*Fresno Unified School District* \$733,810.00

**Fresno County**

Fresno Unified School District will establish a Farm to School Coordinator to work with schools to create educational opportunities for students; work with procurement to increase vendors that practice climate smart agriculture; increase the nutrition educational opportunities at schools; and collaborate with the Fresno Unified Wellness Manager to increase outreach to the Fresno community.

*Gravenstein Union School District* \$143,880.00

**Sonoma County**

Gravenstein Union School District will expand its current program by purchasing supplies for existing school gardens; building a new school garden with a compost area, water catchment, and outdoor classroom space with wheelchair accessibility; and hosting volunteer workdays to build community. Students may participate in a garden club and trimester garden elective.

*Hueneme School District* \$150,000.00

**Ventura County**

Hueneme School District will increase its farm to school program impact by hiring a Program Coordinator to connect garden-based nutrition curriculum to local foods that the district serves in school meals and sources from the Ventura County School Food Hub.

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*Jurupa Unified School District* *\$190,890.00*

**Riverside County**

Jurupa Unified School District will implement California Thursdays; hire a Farm to School Coordinator to educate students and plan farm-related activities; re-vitalize school gardens; purchase small composters for the existing school gardens; and educate students, teachers, and staff about composting and the need to separate food scraps from other trash.

*Laurel Tree Charter School* *\$142,050.00*

**Humboldt County**

Laurel Tree Charter School will have dependable transportation and a secure mobile kitchen classroom. This will enable hands-on learning for Laurel Tree's TK-12 Edible Education program between its two campuses and its outdoor learning venues. It will protect Laurel Tree's materials from theft and provide the opportunity for teaching edible education classes and coordinating farm visits.

*Lodi Unified School District* *\$314,000.00*

**San Joaquin County**

Lodi Unified School District will expand its farm to school efforts by implementing an Edible Nutrition Education Program. Experiential learning opportunities across all grade levels will connect students to where food comes from, how it grows, how it tastes, and how to eat healthy with school meals and at home.

*Long Beach Unified School District* *\$720,020.00*

**Los Angeles County**

Long Beach Unified School District's Farm to School project will build upon 20+ years of experience to increase access to and consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables by sourcing locally grown, culturally relevant foods; supporting school garden programs; and increasing nutrition education opportunities in its schools, gardens, and community.

*Los Angeles Leadership Academy* *\$149,720.00*

**Los Angeles County**

Los Angeles Leadership Academy (LALA) will expand its existing farm to school project. This project will strengthen connections between LALA's operating school farm and its school food service program by installing a salad bar and sourcing school menu items from the farm.

*Los Angeles Unified School District* *\$1,000,000.00*

**Los Angeles County**

Los Angeles Unified School District – in partnership with Alice Waters Institute, Benjamin Thomas, and Common Threads – will implement a multi-year Farm to School Initiative to transform the district's procurement practices for California products, enhance the variety and frequency of fresh California produce that the district offers, and provide farm to school educational activities for all students.

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*Modoc Joint Unified School District*

*\$146,165.03*

**Modoc County**

Modoc Joint Unified School District will implement a farm to school culinary education program that focuses on student engagement with growing, harvesting, and processing locally grown produce and serving it in the school meal program. This will require a new greenhouse, kitchen upgrades, teaching support, and collaboration with local growers.

*Montague Charter Academy*

*\$149,997.50*

**Los Angeles County**

Montague Charter Academy will help decrease the prevalence of obesity among children and parents through the implementation of a comprehensive nutrition curriculum, a school garden, and a salad bar. Students at Montague will increase the amount and variety of fruits and vegetables consumed during school meals.

*Mt. Diablo Unified School District*

*\$309,939.00*

**Contra Costa County**

Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) will improve infrastructure and access for ultra-local farm field trips to the 2-acre Riverview Middle School Garden. A dedicated farmer will help schools increase on-site food production and MDUSD will commence procurement with three ultra-local farms for school salad bars. MDUSD will build program sustainability via community relationship-building.

*Napa Valley Unified School District*

*\$176,660.00*

**Napa County**

Napa Valley Unified School District (NVUSD) will redesign and update gardens at nine schools. NVUSD will invest in school garden materials, fencing, tools, wash stations, and garden-based nutrition lessons supporting Next Generation Science Standards. NVUSD will utilize school garden-grown produce in school meals and Harvest of the Month taste testing.

*Oakland Unified School District*

*\$492,301.93*

**Alameda County**

Oakland Unified School District will integrate expanded Harvest of the Month programming in alignment with groundbreaking work of The Center – increasing food security, local sourcing, and the long-term healthy habits for all of Oakland’s students and their families. Ultimately, the district will help improve students’ long-term health and life outcomes across Oakland.

*Oxnard School District*

*\$157,300.00*

**Ventura County**

Oxnard School District (OSD) will contract a Farm to School Coordinator who will collaborate with Child Nutrition, Educational Services, the OSD Grounds Manager, and the OSD Wellness Collaborative. The contractor will implement programs to improve health and wellness among students, teachers, staff, and families through educational opportunities, garden education, and connecting locally grown produce to benefit nutrition and sustainability practices.

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*Oxnard Union High School District* *\$176,580.00*

**Ventura County**

Oxnard Union High School District will focus efforts on making meaningful and lasting relationships with local farmers to procure local and seasonal produce and will educate students on the importance and health benefits of eating locally sourced produce through cooking events, field trips, and nutrition lessons.

*Palm Springs Unified School District* *\$168,259.00*

**Riverside County**

Palm Springs Unified School District will continue to strengthen contractual relationships built with local farmers by bringing them to four secondary campuses to cultivate and refurbish school gardens, implement farmers markets at four additional elementary sites, and expand nutrition education through digital menu boards at all school sites.

*Parlier Unified School District* *\$150,000.00*

**Fresno County**

Parlier Unified School District will build pastures and plant trees at the newly reopened school farm to allow students to raise livestock and grow fruit for sale to school cafeterias and the community. Ag students will oversee planting, maintenance, and harvesting and will also help promote healthy produce in the cafeterias.

*Pasadena Unified School District* *\$174,017.00*

**Los Angeles County**

Pasadena Unified School District will increase access to fresh, nutritious, and healthy food in school meals and will increase equity in educational activities that engage all students in farm to school experiences from pre-school through high school.

*Porterville Unified School District* *\$150,000.00*

**Tulare County**

Porterville Unified School District will procure California-grown produce to incorporate into a pilot Harvest of the Month program at five school campuses throughout the district. This project integrates educational activities that connect a climate- and agriculture-focused, work-based learning program for high school students with educational opportunities for K–12 students.

*Reeds Creek Elementary School District* *\$40,000.00*

**Tehama County**

Reeds Creek Elementary School District will address food independence and nutrition needs in western Tehama County. This project will expand an existing school garden and greenhouse to meet the following goals: foster food independence, minimize and utilize food waste, vertically integrate garden opportunities with K-8 curriculum, and provide community outreach.

*Rialto Unified School District* *\$150,000.00*

**San Bernardino County**

Rialto Unified School District will expand existing local procurement practices at Rialto Middle

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School by educating students about environmental resiliency. Rialto Middle School strives to grow educational and enrichment opportunities through community partnerships and the creation of curriculum. It is the school's goal to feed its students nutritious, fresh produce in their daily lunches.

*Rio School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**Ventura County**

Rio School District will build a district-wide farm to school program serving 5,300 K-8 students across nine schools. Child Nutrition Services will increase procurement of Ventura County-grown fruits and vegetables by 300%, implement school garden and nutrition education at six additional schools, and renovate or build four school gardens.

*Riverside Unified School District*

*\$270,660.50*

**Riverside County**

Riverside Unified School District will start up its "Farmers Market" salad bars, which have been on hiatus since the start of the pandemic, at all 30 of its elementary schools. Funding will support a staff person to source local produce from BIPOC farmers who utilize climate smart growing practices and are Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) certified.

*Sacramento City Unified School District*

*\$466,570.00*

**Sacramento County**

Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) will partner with Soil Born Farms to forward-plant specific produce for SCUSD salad bars. Soil Born Farms will build upon existing operations and build infrastructure to extend growing seasons to supply lettuces and other culturally diverse crops for SCUSD to process in-house and distribute to SCUSD school sites.

*San Diego County Office of Education*

*\$150,000.00*

**San Diego County**

San Diego County Office of Education will serve the most vulnerable student population in San Diego County through the Come to the Table: Cultivating Change and Healing program, empowering each school site with the materials and technical assistance needed to gain understanding of food sources, cultivation, nutrition, historical food traditions, composting, and environmental stewardship.

*San Diego Unified School District*

*\$1,000,000.00*

**San Diego County**

San Diego Unified School District will expand farm to school programming, including increased spending on California-grown tree fruit and local crops as well as robust food literacy marketing and education efforts. Program staff and nonprofit partners will facilitate and deliver food literacy presentations, STEAM and garden-based lessons, field trips, cafeteria and classroom tastings, and community events.

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*San Jacinto Unified School District*

*\$101,420.00*

**Riverside County**

San Jacinto Unified School District will enrich its students with fresh, healthy produce and food that it procures from neighborhood farms. Local farmers will visit the elementary schools; provide a "farmers market" atmosphere with fresh produce samples, including seasonal fruits and vegetables; educate students on benefits of procuring from local farms; and provide "farm life" bus tour opportunities.

*San Luis Coastal Unified School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**San Luis Obispo County**

San Luis Coastal Unified School District will intentionally connect elementary classroom curricula with its school meal program and gardens, growing opportunities for students to engage in hands-on, edible education experiences. Students will be immersed in their food system, learning about how food gets to their plates and tasting it in the school lunchroom.

*San Miguel Joint Union School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**San Luis Obispo County**

San Miguel Joint Union School District will expand its "wheat2school" program through garden education and cooking classes. The district will partner with a community bakery that sources local grain to procure 100% whole wheat bread and pizza dough for student meals. The district will expand local procurement of fruits, vegetables, and meats to create a hyper local plate.

*Santa Ana Unified School District*

*\$501,240.00*

**Orange County**

Santa Ana Unified School District will procure and deliver local, fresh produce for students, including tasty, culturally relevant foods. Career Technical Education (CTE), Expanded Learning staff, and Nutrition Services' Registered Dietitians will co-develop educational activities with high school students to be disseminated district-wide. Nutrition Services and Family and Community Engagement staff will provide community outreach.

*Santa Cruz City Schools*

*\$150,000.00*

**Santa Cruz County**

Santa Cruz City Schools' food services team will bridge the gap between farm to school initiatives in the district and its goal plant-to-plate effort. The team will feature a local Harvest of the Month, establish local procurement partners, and build student engagement with educational tools that encourage student participation in food-based education.

*Shandon Joint Unified School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**San Luis Obispo County**

Shandon Joint Unified School District will expand its "wheat2school" program through garden education and cooking classes. The district will partner with a community bakery that sources local grain to procure 100% whole wheat bread and pizza dough for student meals. The district will expand local procurement of fruits, vegetables, and meats to create a hyper local plate.



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*Shoreline Unified School District* *\$150,000.00*

**Marin County**

Shoreline Unified School District will develop and implement a comprehensive Farm to School Program to improve food education and serve healthier, California-grown meals to its students. The district will begin with its “Better Burrito” program and grow from there. Educational field trips, events, and producer school visits will provide learning engagement.

*Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District* *\$55,000.00*

**Sierra County**

Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District will make improvements to its current learning garden spaces to make available student-grown, farm to school learning opportunities year-round. These improvements will include updating greenhouses and outdoor learning structures to creating more functional garden spaces by extending boundaries and installing storage facilities.

*South Monterey County Joint Union High School District* *\$150,000.00*

**Monterey County**

South Monterey County Joint Union High School District will establish two farm to school programs by partnering with the California Wheat Commission (CWC) to procure whole grain wheat from California farmers, use a mill for baked goods, and use an extruder to add fresh pasta into school meals. The district will also procure local grass-fed beef for school meals.

*Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District* *\$150,000.00*

**Modoc County**

Surprise Valley Joint Unified School District will install a hoop house, re-establish a fruit orchard, and provide hands-on learning opportunities for K-12 students. The district will source student-grown and other locally grown produce for school lunches. The district will work with local partners to host an “Agxplore the Valley” annual farm to fork field trip.

*Sweetwater Union High School District* *\$385,530.00*

**San Diego County**

Sweetwater Union High School District (SUHSD) will expand its current pilot farm project, support garden projects and nutrition education at 11 schools, and develop a master garden program. SUHSD will also partner with South Bay Sustainable Communities to expand the district’s food rescue and composting program to all 23 school sites.

*Tahoe Truckee Unified School District* *\$138,657.60*

**Placer County**

Tahoe Truckee Unified School District will expand its partnership with the Tahoe Food Hub (TFH) to implement a climate smart farm to school program. The project will align local food for school meals with educational opportunities that focus on the important role that regenerative agricultural and locally grown foods have on the environment.

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*Upland Unified School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**San Bernardino County**

Upland Unified School District (UUSD) will strengthen the district's farm to school impact to ensure that every student has access to farm to school education and garden-fresh produce. UUSD will hire two garden educators and three FoodCorps service members. UUSD will also expand partnerships with local farmers and produce hubs through increased procurement and educational outreach.

*Vacaville Unified School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**Solano County**

Vacaville Unified School District will expand scratch-cooking efforts by procuring locally grown produce through local vendors for all schools. Padan Elementary School will implement a Harvest of the Month Program and update to a scratch kitchen with new equipment: food prep sink, outside walk-in refrigerator, and combi oven.

*West Contra Costa Unified School District*

*\$321,430.00*

**Contra Costa County**

West Contra Costa Unified School District will build upon its transition to fresh, local, organic, scratch-cooked meals and will further increase meal participation by more deeply engaging students and cultivating a love of fresh food. Through local procurement, garden-based education, and student ambassadors, the district will strengthen its food services culture.

*Western Placer Unified School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**Placer County**

Western Placer Unified School District will hire a Culinary Coordinator to focus on training its food service team to execute meals made with locally procured ingredients and facilitate culinary education for students. The district will hire a marketing agency to highlight its farm to school efforts to students and families in a meaningful way.

*Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District*

*\$150,000.00*

**San Bernardino County**

Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District will expand its local farm to school initiatives by implementing educational opportunities that will include highlighting Next Generation Science Standard Local Farm Field trips as well as increasing locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables in the school meal program.

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## **TRACK 2: THE CALIFORNIA FARM TO SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP GRANT**

*Conscious Kitchen (a project of Turning Green)* \$482,966.88

**Marin, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties**

**Partners:** San Francisco Unified School District, West Contra Costa Unified School District, Ag-Link, Earl's Organics, JSM Organics, Marin Sun Farms, Nana Mae's Organics

Conscious Kitchen will partner with districts and farmers to bring more organic food to California students and educate them on the benefits of consuming organic, California-grown food; reduce barriers for organic farm to school procurement; increase supply of and demand for organics; and create equity opportunities for small, disadvantaged producers.

*Friends of the Earth* \$417,235.88

**Alameda, Monterey, and Santa Cruz Counties**

**Partners:** Alisal Union School District, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Brenda Manzelli (graphic designer), California Certified Organic Farmers, Farm Discovery, JSM Organics, Kitchen Table Advisors, Leah Smith Consulting, Lucy Hicks Consulting, Paloma Perez Bertrand (translation services), Rodriguez Farm, True Harvest

Friends of the Earth will work alongside three school districts in the Monterey Bay region to increase students' and families' access to and consumption of locally grown, healthy foods; generate business opportunities for small- and mid-sized socially disadvantaged farming communities; and apply successful regional strategies statewide.

*Humboldt County Office of Education* \$436,030.88

**Humboldt County**

**Partners:** Arcata Elementary School District, Eureka City Schools, Fortuna Elementary School District, Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, Loleta Union Elementary School District, McKinleyville Union Elementary School District, Orick Elementary School District, Scotia Union Elementary School District, Cal Poly Humboldt Sustainable Food Systems Minor, College of the Redwoods Agriculture Program, North Coast Growers Association

Humboldt County Office of Education will work with project partners to scale up its local procurement model; make Harvest of the Month more accessible for afterschool programs; and create a Humboldt School Garden Collective to build district partners' capacity to grow, maintain, and utilize school gardens.

*North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council* \$488,600.03

**Sonoma County**

**Partners:** Alexander Valley Union School District, Bellevue Union School District, Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District, Forestville Union Elementary School District, Harmony Union School District, Healdsburg Unified School District, Petaluma City Schools, Santa Rosa

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City Schools, Sonoma Valley Unified School District, Wright Elementary School District, Farmers Exchange of Earthly Delights (F.E.E.D.) Cooperative, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, School Garden Network, Shared Plate Consulting, Sonoma County Chapter of Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Sonoma County Office of Education, Sonoma Resource Conservation District

North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council (NCRC&DC) will collaborate with partners to provide Sonoma County schools with local food sourced from micro farmers and farmers using climate-friendly, regenerative practices. NCRC&DC will revitalize school gardens with plantings, infrastructure, and education; identify solutions to barriers to farm-to-school models; and provide farm trips and classroom modules.

*Old Grove Orange*

*\$482,652.16*

**San Bernardino and Riverside Counties**

**Partners:** Adelanto Elementary School District, Palm Springs Unified School District, Rialto Unified School District, San Jacinto Unified School District

Old Grove Orange and its partners will: 1) expand the region's farm to school procurement capacity by hiring additional delivery staff; 2) support hyper local, BIPOC, climate-smart farmers through investing in shared resources; and 3) enrich its farmer-to-student educational offerings to connect students with the farmers who grow their food.

*Plumas Sierra County Fair Foundation*

*\$173,888.03*

**Plumas, Sierra, and Lassen Counties**

**Partners:** Long Valley Charter School, Plumas Charter School, Plumas Unified School District, Sierra Plumas Joint Unified School District, California Wheat Commission, Feather River College, Feather River Food Co-Op, High Sierra Honey, Lost Sierra Food Project, Panarchy Mills, Plumas County Cooperative Extension, Plumas County Office of Education, Plumas Sierra County Fair

The Plumas Sierra County Fair Foundation, in collaboration with regional food producers and regional academic institutions, will expand the capacity of schools to offer locally sourced food year-round by providing a central commissary/training kitchen to teach students and staff to procure, preserve, and package farm products.

*Sierra Harvest*

*\$488,579.88*

**Nevada County**

**Partners:** Nevada County School Food Services Agency (represents Chicago Park School District, Clear Creek School District, Grass Valley School District, Nevada City School District, Nevada County Office of Education, Nevada Joint Union High School District, Penn Valley Union School District, Pleasant Ridge Union School District, and Union Hill School District), Bouchard Communications Group Chef Ann Foundation, Kitchen Table Advisors

Sierra Harvest will implement Foothills Fresh: a scratch-cooked school meal program that the Nevada County School Food Services Agency (NCSFA) operates, serving eight rural school

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districts. The NCSFSA delivers equal access to scratch-cooked meals so all students can thrive and reach their full potential. Foothills Fresh closes gaps in student health and achievement outcomes and creates skilled jobs while building markets for small California food producers using regenerative practices.

*Slow Money San Luis Obispo*

*\$120,632.88*

**San Luis Obispo County**

**Partners:** Coast Unified School District, Lucia Mar Unified School District, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, San Luis Coastal Unified School District, San Miguel Joint Union School District, California Polytechnic State University Food Science and Nutrition Department (Cal Poly Nutrition), Cambria Farmers Market, North County Farmers Market Association, University of California Cooperative Extension San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties

Slow Money San Luis Obispo, with the assistance of its 10 partners, will facilitate procurement of local food at five regional school districts. Slow Money San Luis Obispo will educate students, families, and the community about the benefits of farm to school programming. Slow Money San Luis Obispo will build a support team to enable program sustainability.

*Spork Food Hub*

*\$488,601.88*

**Yolo, Placer, Sacramento, Solano, and San Joaquin Counties**

**Partners:** Davis Joint Unified School District, Lodi Unified School District, Natomas Unified School District, Robla School District, Placer Union High School District, Vacaville Unified School District, Western Placer Unified School District, Yolo Farm to Fork

The Spork Food Hub will build connections between local producers implementing climate smart practices and local school districts by aggregating and delivering fruits and vegetables for school meals. Spork will provide services and training for farmers wanting to serve schools and for school food service interested in working with farms.

*United States Healthful Food Council, Inc (dba Eat REAL)*

*\$488,601.88*

**Fresno, Sacramento, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Orange, Solano, and Contra Costa Counties**

**Partners:** Capistrano Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, Morgan Hill Unified School District, Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Natomas Unified School District, North Monterey County Unified School District, San Luis Coastal Unified School District, South Monterey County Joint Union High School District, Vacaville Unified School District

Eat REAL's Certification Program will partner with nine diverse California school districts, transforming 281 cafeterias into farm to school hubs and ensuring 210,283 K-12 students across nine districts have the food equity they need to learn and thrive. Districts will increase procurement of California-produced food and strengthen climate smart regional food systems.

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*Ventura County Farm to School*

*\$486,826.88*

**Ventura County**

**Partners:** Hueneme School District; Ocean View School District; Oxnard School District; Oxnard Union High School District; Rio School District; Santa Paula Unified School District; Ventura Unified School District; California State University, Channel Islands Center for Community Engagement; Farmivore; University of California Cooperative Extension

Ventura County Farm to School will establish a school food hub with a small regenerative farm collaborative to source and deliver crops to participating districts. Two new staff will expand nutrition, garden, and food system education to more schools in the county. Formal partnerships with higher education and agriculture industry will build long term sustainability.

### **TRACK 3: THE CALIFORNIA FARM TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION (ECE) GRANT**

*Center for Healthy Communities*

*\$200,000.00*

**Butte County**

The Center for Healthy Communities will initiate Seedlings to Sprouts: Farm to School for Preschoolers at two child care centers. Activities include Harvest of the Month tastings, distribution of Harvest Boxes, and farm field trips. The Center for Healthy Communities will provide technical assistance for five gardens and to preschool directors with the goal of including seasonal foods in menus.

*Del Norte County Department of Health and Human Services*

*\$200,000.00*

**Del Norte County**

Del Norte County Department of Health and Human Services will increase healthy food access and consumption among low-income, preschool-aged children and their families in underserved ECE communities using evidence-based strategies. The project includes garden-based nutrition education, parent engagement, local food procurement, and partnership building to promote sustainability and resiliency.

*Desert Community College District – College of the Desert –*

*\$200,000.00*

*McCarthy Family Child Development & Training Center*

**Riverside County**

The McCarthy Family Child Development & Training Center will expand and integrate different child development components into a focused, comprehensive program providing children's nutritional and hands-on learning programs; conducting family engagement and education; and supporting food insecurity, local procurement, and Teaching Assistant training for staff.

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*North Coast Opportunities Inc.* \$200,000.00

**Lake and Mendocino Counties**

North Coast Opportunities Inc. (NCO) will implement Kids Dig Into Gardens (KidsDIG) at six ECE sites, drawing on four successful NCO programs. NCO's Gardens Project will develop on-site gardens, coordinate hands-on garden activities, and deliver staff and parent trainings. NCO will facilitate food procurement for meals, snacks, and samples through the NCO MendoLake Food Hub.

*Pasture Raised Kids* \$190,520.00

**Siskiyou County**

Pasture Raised Kids will cultivate a thriving farm to ECE ecosystem throughout rural Siskiyou by creating a strong, enduring network of ECE providers and farms; providing targeted technical assistance to guide more small farm procurement; expanding on-farm youth activities for ECE providers; and creating a unique, farm-based curriculum to distribute across Siskiyou.

*Special Service for Groups, Inc. / Asian Pacific Islander* \$199,999.00

*Forward Movement*

**Los Angeles County**

Special Service for Groups, Inc. / Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement (SSG/APIFM) will implement the Food Roots Nourish project to expand farm to ECE initiatives in Los Angeles County. Through partnerships with local ECE providers and farmers of color, SSG/APIFM will procure and distribute California-grown produce and eggs and provide culturally relevant nutrition education for young children and their families.

## **TRACK 4: THE CALIFORNIA FARM TO SCHOOL PRODUCER GRANT**

*Aida Fuentes* \$150,000.00

**Lassen County**

Aida Fuentes will develop the infrastructure capabilities for her Ravendale property to grow greenhouse-produced fruits and vegetables for sale to Northern California schools, participate in hands-on classroom education opportunities with local schools on greenhouse agriculture, and host field trips focusing on promoting self-sufficiency through growing one's own food.

*Alcantar Organic Farm* \$150,000.00

**Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties**

Alcantar Organic Farm will hire a business manager to coordinate with the Ventura County Farm to School (VCF2S) School Food Hub to update crop inventory and submit invoices from orders. Alcantar Organic Farm will write a food safety plan, resubmit organic certification, and develop new communications materials to expand its sales to new school districts.

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*ALD&Y Organic Farm*

\$149,529.00

**Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties**

ALD&Y Organic Farm, a 5-acre private farm, will bring together an eight-member, small farmer-of-color co-op, two high schools, and a non-profit community farm to: coordinate the donation of organic produce to two high schools, train student ambassadors to lead their school-based project, and improve and expand an existing Farm-to-Cafeteria Pilot.

*Apple Creek Vineyard Farm*

\$150,000.00

**Sacramento County**

Apple Creek Vineyard Farm will deliver educational seminars, tours, and internships to local schools focused on high-tech sustainable farming practices. There are deep lessons that cannot be taught in a classroom – they must be experienced firsthand. That is why the creation of a "High-Tech Farming to School" project is imperative.

*Ave 33 Farm LLC*

\$144,562.50

**Los Angeles County**

Ave 33 Farm LLC will expand the infrastructure and production capacity of the farm to provide fresh produce to Los Angeles Leadership Academy's (LALA's) new salad bar program. Utilizing years of experience in regenerative agriculture, Ave 33 Farm will strengthen the school's local food system – providing high quality produce to local students who experience food insecurity.

*Capay Mills LLC*

\$150,000.00

**Yolo County**

Capay Mills LLC will demonstrate the value of community-scale grain milling by providing locally grown, whole grain flour to the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. With UC Davis and the California Wheat Commission, Capay Mills LLC will use local flour as a window for students to experience where their food comes from.

*Central Coast Ag Network*

\$149,453.00

**San Luis Obispo County**

Central Coast Ag Network will provide critical infrastructure and organizational capacity, enabling veteran, socially disadvantaged, and limited-resource farmers to increase processing and distribution of whole and minimally processed foods by 400%. The project will expand existing farm to school relationships with school districts and integrate with existing farm-based youth education programs at City Farm SLO.

*Clifton and Laurie Clendenen (Clendenen's Cider Works)*

\$124,393.50

**Humboldt County**

Clendenen's Cider Works will purchase equipment and facilities to handle and sort the apples from its orchard more efficiently. Sizing is critical for schools to comply with meal program guidelines. Clendenen's Cider Works will enhance its refrigerated storage and be able to sort and size apples more quickly with less bruising.



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*Community Action Partnership of Orange County* *\$150,000.00*

**Orange County**

Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) will increase food production by investing in farm labor, food safety, and climate smart agricultural practices at the 8-acre Giving Farm. CAP OC, as lead, will supply Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD) Food Services with produce grown at the Giving Farm.

*Dark Nectar Cooperative* *\$149,990.00*

**San Diego County**

Dark Nectar Cooperative and Good Neighbor Gardens will build a ¼-acre farm at a San Diego school. Dark Nectar Cooperative has pioneered a regenerative urban farming system called Vermiponics and collaborates with Good Neighbor Gardens to provide fresh food and education for students.

*Early Bird Farm & Mill* *\$150,000.00*

**Calaveras County**

Early Bird Farm & Mill will work with Northern California schools to provide students with regeneratively grown and milled flour. Early Bird Farm & Mill will increase the capacity of its mill facility to meet the demand. Early Bird Farm & Mill will develop its permaculture farm as an educational destination for students to participate in and learn about sustainable agriculture.

*Edith Higgins* *\$141,148.52*

**Lassen County**

SH Livestock will increase production capacity of cattle ranching operations through construction of a feed lot and purchase of tractor equipment, build infrastructure to support a walk-in freezer to increase cold storage capacity, provide hands-on beef production education opportunities in the classroom, and host field trips to SH Livestock ranch.

*Fertile GroundWorks* *\$55,000.00*

**Alameda County**

Fertile GroundWorks will collaborate with the Livermore Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) to provide educational venues and opportunities for students and to create fresh produce for LVJUSD food pantries. Fertile GroundWorks will also work with Child Nutrition Staff to expand use of Fertile GroundWorks' fresh produce in school-provided meals.

*Fiery Ginger Farm, LLC* *\$150,000.00*

**Yolo County**

Fiery Ginger Farm will add a new parcel to its operation, allowing its farm to more than double current production for school meals. Fiery Ginger Farm will equip this new site to implement best practices for regenerative and efficient wholesale production, which will allow the farm to price competitively for school customers.

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*Garden Joy* *\$129,473.00*

**San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties**

Garden Joy will increase its existing farm to school educational impact by adding harvest of the month classes, taste tests in school cafeterias, and interactive student field trips and garden lessons. Garden Joy will donate produce that will allow school kitchens to incorporate fresh food into their menus and programs.

*Growing Together – Bay Area* *\$148,000.00*

**Contra Costa County**

Growing Together – Bay Area will build on its 1-acre pilot to establish economically viable models for school-based farming. Sales to district nutrition services and school communities, as well as income from hands-on education and training programs, will sustain this school-based farming. Growing Together will develop a network of farms on underutilized West Contra Costa Unified School District campuses that community-based farmers will operate.

*Happy Goat Incorporated* *\$68,453.51*

**Mariposa County**

Happy Goat Incorporated will produce vermicompost on-site as a means of improving the soil at Happy Goat Inc., which will include starting a compost collection and waste reduction program with restaurants in Mariposa Proper, enabling the farm to grow more food for schools. Happy Goat will also host field trips on the farm for students from four partnering schools.

*Healthy Hearts Institute* *\$150,000.00*

**Contra Costa County**

Healthy Hearts Institute (HHI) will provide fresh, local, sustainably grown food to students in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, offer food and nutrition education to students, and create economic opportunity for a public housing community and other residents of East Contra Costa County, including the unsheltered and formerly incarcerated.

*Hen and Harvest Farm LLC* *\$31,547.62*

**Stanislaus County**

Hen and Harvest Farm will build upon the foundation of a market garden to create an educational garden that provides a memorable experience for low-income youth by involving them in growing food through the Harvest of the Month program.

*Honoré Farm and Mill* *\$149,895.60*

**Marin, Contra Costa, Lake, Siskiyou, and Sonoma Counties**

Honoré will produce and distribute climate smart Hourani wheat, whose provenance is the first-century Middle East. Together with Mt. Diablo Unified School District and Harmony Union School District, Honoré will nourish thousands of students with delicious, nutrient-dense whole grains. With its curriculum and Mobile Mill, Honoré will teach students to plant, tend, harvest, thresh, winnow, and mill wheat.

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*JSM Organics, Inc.* \$150,000.00

**Monterey County**

JSM Organics will purchase two commercial refrigerated vans to expand capacity to safely deliver its fresh organic produce to regional school districts and markets. The vans will help to eliminate the need to pay outside distributor service and overhead fees, increasing JSM Organics' profit without increasing prices for customers.

*Karuk Tribe* \$149,998.04

**Humboldt and Siskiyou Counties**

The Karuk Tribe will develop capacity to provide California-grown farm produce and traditional foods to Karuk HeadStart. The project will identify and implement activities to tailor food production and processing to HeadStart needs; comply with procurement requirements; coordinate food production, processing, storage, and distribution; and support related education.

*Keith F. Martin, Sole Proprietor* \$149,965.00

*(soon to be K&C Martin Farm, LLC)*

**Stanislaus County**

K&C Martin Farm (Home of Wellspring Charitable Gardens) will improve, diversify, and increase crop production; expand distribution to serve more disadvantaged and underserved students; demonstrate how nutrient-dense, fresh produce improves body, brain, and emotional wellness; and engage students in sustainable farming and mental wellness practices for use at school or home.

*Laubacher Farms, Inc.* \$121,660.00

**Ventura County**

Laubacher Farms will grow crops for school meals, salad bars, and Harvest of the Month programs to support the development of Farmivore's School Food Hub for Ventura County Farm to School. Laubacher Farms needs additional drivers, staff, and materials to launch this project. Laubacher Farms will also increase its composting program.

*Little Hands Farm* \$150,000.00

**San Diego County**

Little Hands Farm will partner with local schools in which most children are underserved minorities and/or socioeconomically disadvantaged to provide just-picked, tasty, higher nutritional value produce that is child-tested and grown in a sustainable fashion. Little Hands Farms' goal is to promote experiential learning, food appreciation, a healthier palette, and choices.

*Local Area Revitalization Project Cooperative Incorporated* \$150,000.00

**Lassen County**

Local Area Revitalization Project (LARP) Cooperative Incorporated will strengthen relationships between schools and producers by enhancing business models to create and increase reliable vegetable production that schools can depend on. This will create an avenue for nutritional

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eating habits and provide hands-on learning opportunities for local students to learn about sustainable and regenerative farming practices.

*Lost Sierra Food Project*

*\$150,000.00*

**Plumas County**

Lost Sierra Food Project will engage every K-12 student in Plumas County through farm-based programming on its 2.5-acre regenerative farm and school gardens throughout Plumas Unified School District. Lost Sierra Food Project will expand its infrastructure to increase fruit and vegetable production for cafeterias in its mountainous region using climate smart practices.

*Lovestead Farms*

*\$149,872.80*

**Lassen County**

Lovestead Farms will reinforce education efforts to further promote locally driven sustainable waste cycling and food production practices through collaboration with local school districts among other partners. Lovestead Farms will expand availability of locally grown vegetables, herbs, and mushrooms in pursuit of providing consistent ingredients for local school meals.

*Marisol Gonzales*

*\$150,000.00*

**Lassen County**

Marisol Gonzales will develop the infrastructure capabilities to grow greenhouse-produced fruits and vegetables for sale to Northern California schools, participate in hands-on classroom education opportunities with local schools on greenhouse agriculture, and host field trips focusing on promoting student self-sufficiency through growing their own food.

*McGrath Family Farmers Inc.*

*\$150,000.00*

**Ventura County**

McGrath Family Farmers Inc. will scale up its farm to school production. McGrath Family Farmers Inc. will use the grant funds to buy a tractor and hoop houses and expand its cooler space.

*Mile High Mill and Grain Company*

*\$150,000.00*

**Lassen County**

Mile High Mill and Grain Company will expand its production capabilities to produce certified organic, individual-sized pizza dough for California schools through purchasing dough processing equipment, increasing cold storage capacity, and rental lease support. Mile High Mill and Grain Company will provide hands-on wheat growing and milling education through classroom presentations and field trips.

*North State Poultry*

*\$149,956.25*

**Lassen County**

North State Poultry will expand its free-range, organic-fed poultry egg production capabilities for California school meal programs through the purchase of mobile chicken houses and egg cleaning and sanitation equipment as well as through rental lease support. North State Poultry

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will provide hands-on, free-range egg production education through classroom presentations and field trips.

*Old Grove Orange Inc*

*\$145,766.82*

**San Bernardino County**

Old Grove Orange will use project funds to: 1) increase production capacity by investing in a new haul truck and tractor, 2) increase processing capacity by converting a steel building into an on-farm pack shed, and 3) enhance the use of regenerative practices by incorporating grazers into its production system.

*Paul Kolling (dba Nana Mae's Organics)*

*\$150,000.00*

**Sonoma County**

Nana Mae's Organics will provide apples to West Contra Costa Unified School District with a focus on resilient farming practices and educational development of students for a sustainable future. This program will take the form of "ROADS" (Resilient Organic Apple Development and Sustainability), which introduces the young student to regenerative farming pathways and daily access to organic fruit in school.

*Point Reyes Pastures, Inc.*

*\$120,500.00*

**Marin County**

Point Reyes Pastures, Inc., will collaborate with California public school districts to host students on field trips to its ranch in the Point Reyes National Seashore and provide hands-on experiences and educational opportunities to learn about environmentally beneficial and climate smart ranching practices and agriculture in a national park.

*Rachelle Benson*

*\$150,000.00*

**Lassen County**

Benson's Humble Homestead will expand its production capabilities through the installation of a large greenhouse and commercial kitchen to locally grow and process tomatoes into pastes and sauces for sale to and use in California schools. Benson's Humble Homestead will provide hands-on, in-classroom cooking classes and field trips focusing on greenhouse management and food processing.

*Rancho Las Palmas*

*\$150,000.00*

**Santa Cruz County**

Rancho Las Palmas will increase the frequency of farm to school field trips and produce deliveries, thus continuing to grow its relationship with FoodLab at Pacific School in Pacific Elementary School District. The creation of a delivery system and a field trip schedule, including transportation to and from the school, is essential to this relationship.

*Resource Conservation Foundation of Greater San Diego*

*\$149,869.20*

**San Diego County**

The Resource Conservation Foundation of Greater San Diego will help expand the production capacity of Willow Farm & Education Center, which it manages, by creating a farm to school

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field that provides regeneratively grown food for consumption and agricultural education to the underserved populations of Sweetwater Union High School District.

*Richard and Sharon Casey*

*\$113,529.20*

**Monterey County**

Casey Redtail Ranch will provide USDA-Certified, locally raised, all-natural, grass-fed beef hamburger patties for the South Monterey County Joint Union High School District. The ranch will also provide hands-on educational opportunities to students through farm visits, field trips, and pasture walks.

*Richard's Land & Cattle (Richard's Ranch)*

*\$129,500.00*

**Yuba County**

Richard's Ranch will construct a covered building connected to a cold storage unit and designed to drop off flats of Richard's Grassfed Beef for distribution to the local community of Oregon House and surrounding areas. Richards Ranch will host workshops about beef breakdowns and climate smart agriculture for schools and community groups.

*Root 64 Sacramento, LLC*

*\$20,000.00*

**Sacramento County**

Root 64 Sacramento will procure caterpillar tunnels to improve production of fresh, seasonal vegetables. They will increase overall production by extending the growing season and avoiding crop losses, thereby increasing availability and sales to Sacramento City Unified School District and their partners in food literacy and access.

*Rustic Rancher*

*\$101,988.60*

**Lassen County**

Rustic Rancher will deliver locally grown, organically stewarded, always-fresh produce to partner schools within Lassen County. The intent of the Fresh Lunch Initiative is multifaceted: increasing students' overall access to nutritional food and hands-on learning opportunities while also creating an equitable and resilient chain of production in this rural community.

*Sanzuma*

*\$150,000.00*

**Marin County**

Sanzuma will increase production, nutrition education, and processing on San Rafael City Schools' procurement farm, while implementing climate-friendly techniques. Sanzuma will educate local farmers on the intricacies of selling and processing produce for school districts, as well as crops schools desire, safety requirements, delivery options, buying collaboratives, and USDA storage criteria.

*Scott Berndt (dba Fox Farm)*

*\$149,952.00*

**Riverside County**

Fox Farm will fund a tool library, featuring expensive tools that farmers do not use often, for farmers to share. Fox Farm will also provide low-cost vegetable plug transplant trays to local

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regenerative farmers who supply produce for Riverside Unified School District's (RUSD's) salad bars and the RUSD Food Hub, which delivers to regional school districts.

*SGG Farms* *\$150,000.00*

**San Diego County**

SGG Farms will expand organic vegetable and fruit production to support the year-round sale of fresh produce to the school food market. SGG Farms will also obtain Good Agricultural Practices certification. The farm will partner with local schools and engage kids who will interact with and learn about ethnic produce varieties and soil-building practices.

*Skydassi Corp* *\$150,000.00*

**San Diego County**

Dassi Family Farm will purchase supplemental indoor greenhouse lighting and sensors to promote sustainable growing conditions, producing greater yields in the fall, winter, and spring months when daylight hours are limited. This increase in produce harvest will allow Dassi Family Farm to commit to the needs of local school districts for school lunches.

*Social Good Fund* *\$150,000.00*

**Alameda County**

Castlemont Pathways, a fiscally sponsored project of Social Good Fund, will partner with Oakland Unified School District to expand how students learn to cultivate (grow), process (harvest, clean and cook), and distribute (store, sell, and share) locally sourced food for their school and community.

*Soil Born Farm Urban Agriculture Project* *\$148,484.00*

**Sacramento County**

Soil Born Farms will produce year-round organic greens for Sacramento City Unified School District using climate smart hoop house production. Harvests will complement Soil Born Farms' growing suite of farm to school education activities and the project will provide a model for expansion to other school districts and farms in the future.

*Sunago Christian Fellowship (dba Foundations for Future Generations)* *\$150,000.00*

**San Bernardino County**

Foundations for Future Generations will maximize this opportunity to provide students in priority populations in food distressed households access to knowledge of and skills for sustainable healthy living for themselves and their families, using hands-on, entrepreneurial training to educate successful future farmers.

*Yubakami* *\$132,000.00*

**Butte, Yuba, and Sutter Counties**

Yubakami is a local CSA growing a partnership with the Head Start centers in Yuba, Sutter, and Butte counties to provide twice-weekly deliveries of local, regeneratively grown produce. This

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new partnership will require a large, refrigerated truck with cooling capacity as well as a cooling unit to hold produce.