

Open USDA Farm to School (F2S) Grants

School Food System Transformation Challenge Sub-Grants

Lake Michigan School Food System Innovation Hub - To strengthen and adapt the local food system and marketplace to enable schools to serve their students culturally relevant, delicious foods that align with USDA meal pattern standards.

Cooperator: [Illinois Public Health Institute](#)

Funding: Spark Award

- 1 year project - \$10,000-75,000 each Innovation Collaboration Award
- 2.5-year project - \$100,000/year - \$250,000 total each

Eligibility: Organizations involved in the school food system in IL, MI, and WI

- Farmers
- Producers
- Food suppliers and distributors
- SFAs
- Non-profits
- Local government al agencies

Eligible Expenses: TBD

Funding Restrictions: TBD

Application Open Date: February 1, 2024

Application Close Date: April 30, 2024

Spark Awards – 4 rounds total until 2028

Innovation Collaborative Awards – 2 rounds total until 2028

Grantee Award/Announcement Details: June 30, 2024

Periods of Performance Spark Award: August 1, 2024-July 31, 2025 – with optional 4-month extension

Innovation Collaborative Award: August 1, 2024-December 31, 2026

Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards for SFAs

To recognize SFAs that have made significant improvements to the nutritional quality of school meals.

Cooperator: [Action for Healthy Kids](#)

Funding: N/A

Eligibility: SFAs that participate in the NSLP and/or SBP

Eligible Expenses: N/A

Funding Restrictions: SFAs can apply for multiple awards. However, SFAs may only receive each Recognition Award once between now and June 30, 2025.

Application Open Date: June 30, 2023

Application Close Date: June 30, 2025 – Will be reviewed on a rolling basis over the 2-year application period.

Grantee Award/Announcement Details: Ongoing – Awards will be announced within 2 months of applying.

Healthy Meals Summits

FNS will host Small and/or Rural Grantees, Recognition Award recipients, and School Food Systems Transformation grantees to share best practices and strategies for sustaining their achievements.

Cooperator: N/A

Funding: HMI Small and/or Rural Grantees and Recognition Awardees will receive a travel stipend to attend Healthy Meals Summits.

Eligibility: N/A

Eligible Expenses: N/A

Funding Restrictions: N/A

Application Open Date: N/A

Application Close Date: N/A

Grantee Award/Announcement Details:

April 9-10, 2024 – St. Louis, MO

October 22-23, 2024 – Las Vegas, NV

October 23-24, 2025 – Las Vegas, NV