

# Vermont

## Farm to School Grant Program

Planning Grants &  
Implementation Grants

Due: October 28th 2014



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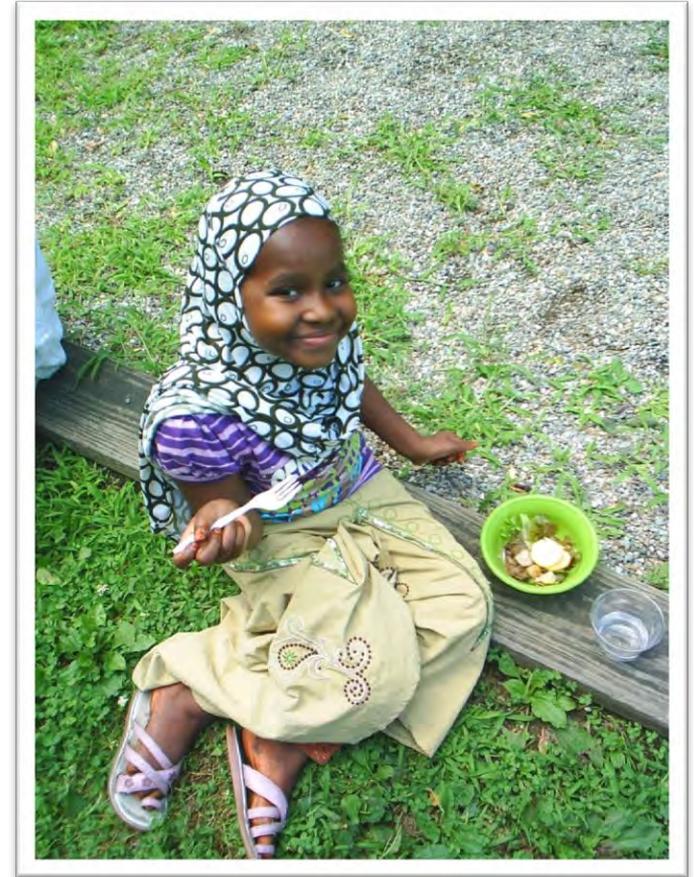
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# Introduction & Background

- » The Vermont Farm to School Grant Program provides Vermont schools with funds to integrate local foods in school cafeterias, classrooms and communities.
- » This grant program is made possible by collaboration between the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Agency of Education, Department of Health and VT FEED (Food Education Every Day).



# Grant Program Goals

The program encourage schools and school districts to:

- » Serve food to Vermont students that is as fresh and nutritious as possible
- » Maximize the use of fresh, locally grown foods
- » Educate students about healthy eating habits through nutrition education while making the connections between farming and the foods that students consume
- » Increase the size and stability of farmers' direct sales market
- » Increase school meal participation by increasing the selection of foods available to students

# Grant Opportunities

## » **Planning Grant (12 months)**

- » Set \$2,500 for action planning and to pilot Farm to School activities. **NEW MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT**
- » Planning grant recipients eligible for accessing VT FEED Technical Assistance

## » **Implementation Grant (18 months)**

- » Up to \$10,000 for Farm to School activities that can include school gardening activities. **NEW MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT**

# Planning Grant



**Peacham Farm to School Community Meeting**



This year the Peacham School received a Farm to School Planning Grant from the VT Agency of Agriculture to make connections with local farmers and develop a plan to integrate local foods into the school cafeteria and classrooms. By making these connections, we hope to increase our capacity to source locally grown and produced foods from neighboring farms. This community meeting is being held with us and bring a friend! All are welcome to attend.

**April 6th, 2010**  
**6:30 to 8:00**  
 At The  
**Peacham School**  
**Local Refreshments**  
**will be Served**






Farm to School Food Education Every Day!  
**Vermont FEED**



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Call Mark Peabody to learn more  
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# Implementation Grant



# Farm to School Activities!



**Classroom, Cafeteria & Community  
Professional Development & Trainings**



# Application Process

<http://agriculture.vermont.gov>

vermont.gov | vaafm | VAAFM Funding | Farm to School Grant Program



**Agency of Agriculture  
Food & Markets**

VERMONT .gov  
official state website

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**Farm to School Grant Program**

**NOTE: Our application material has been updated**

**2015 Farm to School Planning and Implementation Grant applications are now available. Applications are due Tuesday, October 28, 2014.**

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**Grant Support**

- [Example format](#)
- [Planning and Implementation Grants FAQ](#)
- [Previously funded projects](#)

**Grant Opportunities**

- [2015 Farm to School Planning Grant Updated 10/02/2014](#)
- [2015 Farm to School Implementation Grant Updated 10/02/2014](#)

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Agricultural Lenders
- Other Grants
- VAAFM Funding
  - Farm to School Grants
  - GAP Audit Reimbursement Funds
  - Local Food Market Development Grants
  - Specialty Crop Block Grants
  - Working Lands

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# Application Process

» Applications must be postmarked or received by  
Tuesday, October 28th (4:30pm)

» Submitted to Vermont Agency of Agriculture address  
located on application

» If possible, please scan, email, and attach all application  
components into 1 PDF

# Application Process



## » Complete Application

### New this year - **2 Letters of Support Required**:

- » 1 from School Administrator AND Food Service Director\*
- » 1 from Stakeholder (food service, classroom teacher, nurse, farmer, parent, school board, community, etc.)

*\*2 individual letters from an Administrator and Food Service Director are acceptable, in place of one combined letter of support*

# Application Timeline

- » Applications due October 28th 2014 by 4:30pm
- » Applications are reviewed by a committee that includes representatives from all 3 C's, state agencies, and Farm to School Network
- » Schools notified in early December, 2014
- » Schools receive funding in January, 2015
- » Farm to School Awareness Day – January 28th 2015 (4-6:30 pm)  
**TENTATIVE DATE**

# Grant Timeline

- » **Planning/Pilot Grants (12 Months)**  
January – December
- » **Implementation Grants (18 Months)**  
January – June



# Grant Expectations

**You are entering into a grant agreement with the State of Vermont:**

- Performance based contracting -- goals, performance measures, and outcomes
- Payment provisions -- 40%/40%/20%
- Interim and final report requirements
- Certificate of insurance if  $\geq$ \$10,000
- Grant Amendment needed for timeline or scope of work adjustments



# VAAFM & Vermont FEED Partnership

**Vermont FEED works in partnership with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture to provide technical assistance to all planning grant recipients.**

**All Planning/Pilot Grants are matched with technical assistance provided by VT FEED**

**All grant, budget, and timeline assistance provided by Vermont Agency of Agriculture**

Farm to School Food Education Every Day!



**Vermont FEED**

**A collaboration of 3 Vermont non-profits:**  
Food Works at Two Rivers Center,  
The Northeast Organic Farming Association  
of Vermont (NOFA-VT) and Shelburne Farms



## **3 C's Approach to Food in Vermont Schools**

VT FEED is designed to help school-age children make informed food choices, improve their diets, and recognize the role local farms play in communities. VT FEED does this by focusing on the three C's: Classroom, Cafeteria, and Community.



**Classroom** – providing standards-based farm, food, and nutrition curriculum and professional development for teachers.



**Cafeteria** – incorporating local and seasonal produce as well as professional development for school food personnel.



**Community** – developing community forums and committees of farmers, partners and other community members.

Together the three C's support healthy children, healthy agriculture, and healthy communities.

# Planning Grant Recipients will receive the Following Technical Assistance from Vermont FEED:

- Attend ½ day FTS action planning workshop in February 2015
- On-site school visits (March-May 2015)
- Attend one-day FTS working session in late June 2015
- Follow up support and mentoring through fall of 2015

# Vermont FEED Technical Assistance

- » Phone consultation
- » Community meeting facilitation at your school
- » Help to determine tools and training needed to create a successful Farm to School program
- » Help to create a Farm to School action plan, timeline and next steps
- » Help to find and connect with local resources
- » Consultation on specific Farm to School topics, for instance: supporting food service, food, farm and nutrition education, integrating farm to school into the classroom and curriculum
- » Help to support and guide you through the planning grant process

# Grant Writing Tips!

- » Collaborative grant writing!
- » Keep it simple, clear and realistic
- » Implement team work
- » Program sustainability
- » Incorporation of the 3 C's



# Get Involved with VT Farm To School Network and Listserv!

<http://vermontfarmtoschool.org/>

The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo "Vermont Farm to School Network" and navigation links: Home, VT FTS Map, Resources, Events, Funding, Partners. There are also buttons for "User Login" and "Join Listserv".

The main content area features a large banner for "New School Cuisine" with the subtitle "Nutritious and Seasonal Recipes for School Cooks by School Cooks". A "Fresh from Vermont" seal is visible. Below the banner is a "Mix it Up!" section with a link to "New School Cuisine Cookbook for School Cooks, by School Cooks" and a "GET THE BOOK" button.

On the right side, there is a "Vermont FTS Map" section with a map and a "Find School Programs" link. Below that is a "Network Events" section listing three events:

- 10-08-14 Fall Grow It! Garden Leader Workshop: North Bennington**  
Join Vermont Community Garden Network, Charlie Nardozzi, and fellow community and school garden leaders from your region for a timely training and...
- 10-15-14 Harvest Festival @ The Bellcote School**
- 10-16-14 Cornwall School Harvest Festival**

A "View All Events" link is provided at the bottom of the events list.

At the bottom left, there are two photo captions: "Junior Iron Chef Vermont" and "Taste testing".

Below the main content, there are two columns of text:

**What we do**  
Provide statewide leadership, coordination, and advocacy to advance new and existing Farm to School efforts in Vermont classrooms, cafeterias and communities

**Our Vision**  
Every Vermont student and school community is engaged in a local food and farm culture that nurtures children's health, cultivates viable farms, and builds vibrant communities.

# Questions?

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