

# Farm to School Grant

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Department of Natural Resources,  
Division of Agriculture



# Overview

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**What is the farm to school grant?**

**Examples of past projects**

**How is it different from the  
Teacher Scholarship Program?**

# Highlights

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- Purpose of grant
  - ✓ Increase Alaska youth understanding of how food gets to their plate
  - ✓ Engage youth in the food system
  - ✓ Work with or involve school food service
- Available for all stakeholders
- Award amounts: \$500-\$1000
- Application open: Now – April 23, 2012
- Minimum # of students reached = 25



# Eligibility parameters

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## Must have:

Project coordinator (can be one of the following)

School food service representative

An expert, specialist, or mentor in community

### ➤ School food service representative

- ✓ At minimum a letter of support
- ✓ Priority is given to projects that are involved in project
- ✓ School food service person can be on site manager or district level
  - If your school does not have food service please contact us and we can talk about alternatives

### ➤ Other expert

- ✓ This can be a master gardener, cooperative extension agent, 4-H, FFA, farmer, chef, community expert, or someone el





# Details

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\$\$ 75% right away and 25% after report is turned in! \$\$

## Cover page

- Project title
- Project coordinator contact information
- Non-profit or individual that will be responsible for receiving the funds

## Application

- Specific goals
- Evaluation
- Media plan
- Budget
- School food service role
- Youth role
- Impact
- Evidence for need

## Reporting

- Simple form
- Receipts
- Timely

# Evaluation criteria

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1. Application packet (20 points)
  - Complete and follows instructions
2. Evaluation/Media plan (20 points)
  - Questions 2 & 3 from application
3. Budget (10 points)
  - Clarity of use and how the money is used
4. FTS impact (40 points)
  - Include, impact, and engage youth and school food service
5. Previous projects (10 points)
  - No previous project = automatic 10 points
  - Previous projects with incomplete or non-compliant projects = 0 points



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# Farm to school grant

- 24 applicants
- 17 funded farm to school mini-grant projects
  - 8 urban
  - 9 rural



## Sample Projects

Bison farm visit and meat purchase

Fish to school effort

Taste testing Alaska grown product

School gardens

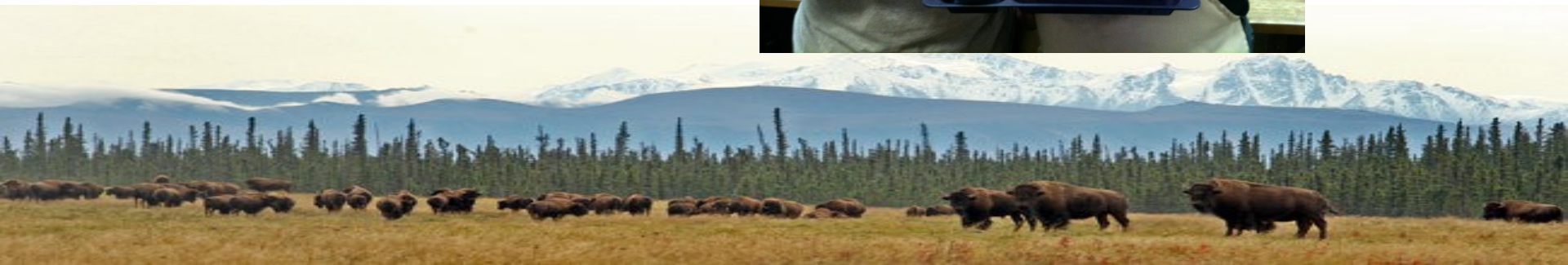
Growing potatoes and cabbage for school kitchen use





# Example project: Alaska Gateway School District

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# Example project: Chugiak High School





# Example project: Food for Thought, UAA

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# Primary differences

## Teacher Scholarship Program

- Teachers only
- Specialty Crops ONLY
- Specific to class lesson
- \$500 max

## Farm to School Grant

- All stakeholders
- Any connection to the food system
- Connects lesson with school food service



# What is a Specialty Crop?

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- **YES:**

- Fruits & Vegetables
- Flowers
- Mushrooms
- Sod & Turf
- Bees & Honey
- Nursery

- **NO:**

- Livestock
- Dairy
- Feed crops
- Oil crops
- Aquaculture



# Contact information



## Listserv

- [list.state.ak.us/index.htm](http://list.state.ak.us/index.htm)
- [dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag\\_FTS.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_FTS.htm)

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