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DNR seeks applicants for Farm to School mini-grants

(Palmer, AK) – Starting today, the Division of Agriculture is seeking applications for its annual Farm to School mini-grants.

Mini-grants are available for school-based projects that connect students, teachers, and school food service staff with products grown and produced in Alaska. Available funding on a per project basis is between \$250 and \$1,000. In the event that additional funding becomes available, applicants should indicate whether their projects could be expanded.

To apply for a mini-grant, go to <u>http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_grants.htm</u> or <u>http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_FTS.htm</u>. Applications can be dropped off in person, e-mailed to <u>taylor.berberich@alaska.gov</u>, or mailed to the Division of Agriculture, 1800 Glenn Hwy., Suite 12, Palmer, AK 99701, or faxed to 907-745-7242.

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Berberich at 907-761-3855 or contact her at the e-mail address listed above. For more information about the Alaska Farm to School Program, go to <u>http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_FTS.htm</u>.

The goal of the Farm to School Program is to encourage healthy eating and boost local agriculture sales by bringing Alaska Grown vegetables, fruit and other products into local schools. Follow the program on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AlaskaFarmToSchool.

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