

UC CalFresh Weekly Update October 9, 2017

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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

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10/1/17 First Day of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018

10/13/17 UC CalFresh Reporting Tools Workbooks & Documentation for Quarter 4 Due to the UC CalFresh State Office

This is a reminder that the Q4 RTWs are due to the UC CalFresh State Office on Friday, October 13, 2017. Please send your county's workbook and supporting documentation to uccalfresh_support@ucdavis.edu through the UC ANR FileVault. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact **Jennifer Quigley** at jqquigley@ucdavis.edu.

FFY 2018 UC CalFresh Town Hall Meeting Webinar Schedule

The FFY 2018 Town Hall Schedule has been posted on the [UC CalFresh website](#). These regular webinars **are normally held on the third Thursday of each month from 12:30pm-2:00pm** (except for November—check full schedule). Log-in information and the topic of the month are sent out before the Town Hall Meeting webinar via email and also featured in the Weekly Update. The Town Hall webinars are also noted on the [UC CalFresh Trainings and Meetings Calendar](#).

Healthy Choices in Motion Regional Trainings

- * **Oroville:** November 1, 2017 ([click here](#) to register)
 - * **Riverside:** November 3, 2017 ([click here](#) to register)
 - * **Modesto:** November 7, 2017 ([click here](#) to register)
- All sessions take place from 8:30am to 5:00pm.**

Learn how you can use the physical activity curriculum *Healthy Choices in Motion* with students in 4th through 6th grade! This curriculum, which can be used stand-alone or as part of the Shaping Healthy Choices Program, teaches students about key concepts of physical activity and how physical activity is important for overall health. *Healthy Choices in Motion* allows students to explore a comprehensive set of physical activity concepts using experiential learning and inquiry. In this workshop, you will learn how to deliver this curriculum in a fun, interactive, and hands-on manner.

For more information, please email **Melanie Gerdes** (magerdes@ucdavis.edu), or **Anna Jones** (anajones@ucdavis.edu).

Save the Date: 2018 SNAP-Ed LIA Forum

The 2018 SNAP-Ed LIA Forum has been scheduled for **January 9-11, 2018** at the DoubleTree Hotel in Sacramento. Additional information regarding the details of the 2018 SNAP-Ed LIA Forum will be forthcoming.

UC CalFresh Success Stories

Success stories from your FFY 2017 UC CalFresh participants can be shared through the online data entry portal: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=18908>.

“En estos días he aprendido a cocinar mejor, comer más frutas y verduras, no usar las mismas tablas para los vegetales y las carnes, para eliminar la grasa es preferable cocinar al horno.”

“These days I’ve learned to cook better, to eat more fruits and vegetables, to not use the same cutting board for vegetables and meats, and to eliminate fats it’s better to cook in the oven.”

—*Eating Smart Being Active Participant, Alameda County*

“After attending 3 workshops, I learned different ways to arrange and cook dishes. I learned to select healthy foods and ingredients I’ve never tasted or tried eating before. I learned many different health topics. Before I would never read nutrition labels; after attending the class, I always read labels. Now I balance my meals with healthy eating and portion food servings. I also learned how to save money and compare the prices between ads from different supermarkets. I enjoyed discussing with the other participants ways to eat healthier. I hope to gain more opportunities to learn more ways to better my lifestyle.”

—*Plan, Shop, Save and Cook Participant, San Francisco County*

Welcome New UC CalFresh Staff!

This feature is to introduce and welcome new staff to UC CalFresh. If you have new staff, please send a brief introduction and photo to Lindsay Hamasaki at lmhamasaki@ucdavis.edu.

Chelsey Slattery, MS, Area Nutrition, Family, and Consumer Sciences (NFCS) Advisor, UCCE Butte County Cluster



Chelsey Slattery joined UCCE on September 18, 2017 as an Area Nutrition, Family, and Consumer Sciences Advisor in Butte County. Slattery earned an M.S. in Organizational Leadership from the School of Business Management at National University and completed a B.S. in Exercise Physiology from CSU Chico. Prior to joining UCCE as an Area Nutrition, Family, and Consumer Sciences Advisor, Slattery worked as Program Manager at UC Davis Center for Nutrition in Schools from July 2016 to September 2017 where she was responsible for providing oversight for a statewide multi-component, evidence based, and research tested nutrition education program and facilitating the ongoing training, including coordination with the UC CalFresh State Office and UC CalFresh counties throughout the state of California. From 2013 to 2016, Slattery was a Community Education Specialist at UCCE. During that time, she supervised the implementation of the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program in Colusa, Sutter and Yuba Counties. Concurrently, Slattery has been working as a per-diem Nutrition Specialist since February 2015 at Shady Creek Outdoor Education Foundation where she provides oversight and guidance for the implementation of the Fit Quest program in Northern California schools, which brings comprehensive children’s wellness programs to local communities. Chelsey can be reached at: cslattery@ucanr.edu.

UC CalFresh Website Updates

* UC CalFresh Trainings

9/19/2017 UC CalFresh Town Hall Webinar Recording & PowerPoint Presentation Now Available

The PowerPoint slides, webinar recording and resources from the 9/19/2017 UC CalFresh Town Hall, “California Nutrition Incentive Program,” presented by Kacie O’Brien, MHS, USDA Food and Nutrition Service Western Regional Office and Sarah Hanson, MPH, MPP, Research Program Specialist, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Office of Farm to Fork, are now available on the UC CalFresh website. Please visit: <http://www.uccalfresh.org/trainings/town-halls> for additional information.

* UC CalFresh Annual Reports

FFY 2017 Annual Report Templates & Timeline Now Available

UC CalFresh Nutrition Education programs are required, as part of our reporting requirements to USDA/FNS and CDSS, to submit an Annual Report providing program results and accomplishments. Please visit the UC CalFresh website to download the FFY2018 UC CalFresh Annual Report and County Profile templates: <http://fsnep.ucdavis.edu/front-page/ffy-2017-annual-report>. The template updates are indicated in yellow highlight. Additional information, including timelines, can also be found on the [UC CalFresh website](http://www.uccalfresh.org). Please reach out to your [UC CalFresh State Office County Contact](http://www.uccalfresh.org) if you have any additional questions or need assistance.

UC CalFresh in Action!

Butte County Cluster's EFNEP and UC CalFresh collaborate to help farm labor families achieve success, UCCE Butte Cluster

Migrant and seasonal farm labor workers are a vital component of the United States agricultural industry. Despite their important contributions, they are known to be a marginalized population who live in poverty, have limited access to health care services, are often malnourished, and have poor health indicators. UCCE CalFresh and EFNEP Specialists and Advisors from the Butte County Cluster, which includes Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Glenn, and Yuba Counties, had the resources to provide valuable information to this marginalized population.

Butte County Cluster's two nutrition programs, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP) and the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education program partnered to deliver a dual series-based presentation of curricula over an 8-week period. This collaborative lesson delivery approach took place in the heat of the summer at a 100-unit Migrant Farm Housing facility in Williams, CA. The participants were families (specifically mothers and their children) living at the Migrant Farm Housing. EFNEP staff facilitated the youth lessons using the Happy Healthy Me curriculum. The two programs collaborated to make it their goal during lesson delivery for both the parent and the child to be introduced to the same terminology and concepts so that they could have a common language at home. With less than ideal circumstances (hottest time of the day, limited access to facilities, and participants had already spent their day working out in the fields prior to attending these lessons in a facility without air conditioning), staff from the two programs wondered how successful their 8-week course would be, but against all odds, the program flourished and participants excelled.

After facilitating lessons over an 8-week period, 92% of the adult participants graduated from EFNEP. Of these graduates, 78% reported eating more fruits, 22% reported eating more vegetables, and 44% reported increases in their physical activity levels. One EFNEP educator also reported that with every week that went by, she received the greatest number of comments from the participants about their incremental changes than she has ever witnessed before in her work. These changes included; increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, decreasing the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages, and checking the nutrition facts label on prepackaged foods. [Read full UC Delivers story.](#)

UC Delivers

This is a friendly reminder that counties should contact [Andra Nicoli \(amnicoli@ucdavis.edu\)](mailto:amnicoli@ucdavis.edu) at the State Office if you are interested in developing a UC Delivers or have recently submitted a UC Delivers without State Office involvement. For those developing a UC Delivers, Andra can assist you in writing/editing/submitting a UC Delivers story. The State Office is also interested in keeping track of UC Delivers stories that are being submitted directly from counties. For those not requiring writing/editing services from the State Office, please share a copy of your submissions with Andra. In this way, we can track the type of stories UC CalFresh is submitting and advocate for your story! To view some of the recent UC Delivers articles, please visit: <http://ucanr.edu/delivers/?topicnumber=13>.

Nutrition and Food Questions Web Page

Do your participants ask questions about nutrition or needs that you find difficult to respond to? Check the [Nutrition and Food Questions](#) web page for a response. If your question is not answered there you can submit a new question. You can find the link on the UC CalFresh website under [Resources > Resources for Educators](#). Please contact [Lyn Brock \(rlbrock@ucanr.edu\)](mailto:rlbrock@ucanr.edu) if you have any questions.

The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement of California

The UC CalFresh State Office would like to see how the Smarter Lunchroom Movement of California has been implemented in your county! Please share your success stories and photos with MaryAnn Mills via e-mail: mamills@ucdavis.edu.



The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement of California Monthly Nudge

The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement of California *Monthly Nudge* is a monthly newsletter which provides updates on how the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement is moving throughout California and is brought to you by the SLM of CA Collaborative. The newsletter provides updates, upcoming trainings and events, and more! If you are interested in signing up to receive the *Monthly Nudge*, please [click here!](#)

Smarter Lunchrooms Introductory and Train the Trainer Workshops—Registration Open!

The SLM of CA is hosting a series of Smarter Lunchrooms Movement Workshops throughout California this Fall. This two-part workshop includes an Introductory Workshop, providing a foundation for the basic principles and practices of SLM, and a Train the Trainer Workshop which will train participants to implement the Introductory Workshop to local stakeholders.

* **Part 1: Introductory Workshop, 8:45am-12:00pm**

Smarter Lunchrooms Movement Principles and Practices Workshop provides a solid foundation in the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement (SLM) principles and practices. In this half-day workshop, participants will briefly review the theory behind the SLM, and learn about the 4-step process for implementing SLM. In addition, participants will practice identifying school lunchroom challenges and opportunities for improvement, and participate in an interactive session on how to engage key stakeholders.

* **Part 2: Train the Trainer Workshop, 1:00-3:30pm**

The Train the Trainer portion of the workshop trains participants to implement the introductory workshop to local stakeholders. During this 2-hour workshop, participants will learn skills and strategies to provide training to partners utilizing the materials presented in the Introductory Workshop. **Please note, you must have completed Part 1 in order to participate in Part 2.**

Location	Registration Link	Date/Time
Orange County Orange County Office of Education Conference Center Building D, Room 1002 200 Kallmus Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626	Orange County SLM Principles and Practices Training Register by 10/5/2017	Thursday October 12, 2017 8:45am-12:00pm– Part 1 1:00-3:30pm– Part 2
San Bernardino California School JPA 1950 South Sunwest Lane, Suite 100 San Bernardino, CA 92408	San Bernardino SLM Principles and Practices Training Register by 10/6/2017	Friday October 13, 2017 8:45am-12:00pm– Part 1 1:00-3:30pm– Part 2
Long Beach City Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Miller Family Health Education Center (FHEC) 3820 Cherry Ave Long Beach, CA 90807	Long Beach SLM Principles and Practices Training Register by 11/28/2017	Tuesday December 5, 2017 8:45am-12:00pm– Part 1 1:00-3:30pm– Part 2

Please refer to the [attached flyer](#) with workshop information and registration instructions. The workshop information and registration instructions are also available on the [CA SNAP-Ed Training and Events Calendar](#). **If you have not yet attended an Introductory SLM training, or are interested in becoming an SLM trainer, it is highly encouraged you attend.** UC CalFresh counties and staff who have questions can contact **MaryAnn Mills** at mamills@ucdavis.edu.

Smarter Mealtimes Resources

The Smarter Lunchrooms Movement has officially announced the Smarter Mealtimes Movement— an initiative focused on implementing SLM strategies in Childcare Settings. A variety of new tools have been developed to support the implementation of the Smarter Mealtimes Movement, including a Smarter Mealtimes Scorecard. You can find the scorecard, and other resources at: <https://www.smarterlunchrooms.org/smarter-mealtimes>.

Save the Date! Success Stories from SLM Gurus, Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 9:00am PST

Please save the date for the upcoming SLM Webinar, “Success Stories from SLM Gurus.” This webinar is scheduled for 45 minutes on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 beginning at 9:00am PST. Please see the call-in information listed below:

- * **Webinar Link:** <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/c28gw9leuk67&eom>
- * **Call-In Information:** 1-866-740-1260
- * **Access Code:** 7544934

UC CalFresh counties and staff who have questions can contact **MaryAnn Mills** at mamills@ucdavis.edu.

Articles & Research

Happy National Farm to School Month!

October is National Farm to School Month and we are off to an amazing start in California! Secretary Karen Ross of the California Department of Food and Agriculture signed a [proclamation](#) designating October as Farm to School Month in California. CDFA and the Office of Farm to Fork recognize the importance of farm to school programs in the state as a way to support California's farmers, school children, and the economy. Check out more on the California Farm to School Network website: <http://www.cafarmtoschool.org/>.

Cost-effectiveness of a Nutrition Education Curriculum Intervention in Elementary Schools

The *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* published a study this month exploring the cost-effectiveness of a Nutrition Education Curriculum Intervention in Elementary Schools. The model (*Food, Health, & Choices* in New York City) evaluated in this study suggests that a nutrition education curriculum in public schools is effective and cost-effective in reducing childhood obesity. [Read full article.](#)

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Training Opportunities for SNAP-Ed Local Implementing Agencies

On behalf of the California Department of Social Services, the California Department of Public Health Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch, UC CalFresh, California Department of Aging, and Catholic Charities of California, we are pleased to announce upcoming SNAP-Ed trainings available to appropriate staff from SNAP-Ed state and local implementing agencies in California. For more information on each training, click on the titles in the attached flyer; for information on all SNAP-Ed trainings contact the Statewide Training and Support Section [here](#). These and other trainings are also posted on the [Training and Events Calendar](#).

Here's a list of commonly used webpages on the new website that you may want to bookmark within your internet browser:

- * [Main page](#)
- * [California Statewide Training](#)
- * [SNAP-Ed Training for LIAs](#)
- * [Statewide Regional Support](#)

The [Annual Training Schedule](#) is updated once a quarter to complement updates to the Training and Events Calendar. It also now features a new column that distinguishes the various types of training delivery available to you. The "Availability" column features the following training delivery methods:

- * Recorded webinars
- * Scheduled workshop or webinar
- * Online, Self-Paced
- * Scheduled Events
- * Workshop by Request

This year, in addition to trainings and events we plan to schedule, we are offering a menu of 9 workshops your agency can request from the training team. You may request any of the 9 workshops by completing a training request form. The [Training Request Form](#) includes a three-stop process and criteria for requesting a training, information needed from the requesting LIA, and a list of learning objectives associated with each workshop. Please note that the training consultant assigned to process your request will provide the LIA agency with coordination and logistical support throughout the process.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce the debut of the online, self-paced [Civil Rights training](#). The training team will host an orientation webinar to go over the key features of the training on October 19, 2017. [Registration](#) for the upcoming webinar is now open.

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Reminder: SNAP-Ed Curriculum Modification Process and Curriculum Modification Sharing Site

The SNAP-Ed Curriculum Modification Process is in full swing! Lots of questions have been rolling in and we want to be sure that Local Implementing Agencies (LIA) are following the SNAP-Ed Curriculum Modification Process and when appropriate documenting modification on the SNAP-Ed Curriculum Modification Sharing Site (Sharing Site). Remember, the Sharing Site is a great way for LIA's to share and document SNAP-Ed curriculum modifications. LIA's have been actively documenting curriculum modifications like one about the Sports, Play & Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) curriculum. The curriculum developer was helpful in clarifying that SPARK lessons while usually taught two at a time, could be shortened to meet activity time constraints. To ensure fidelity, educators should teach unit lessons sequentially as they build on one another and do not pull lessons from different units in order to ensure curriculum fidelity.

The SNAP-Ed Sharing Site can only be accessed by one LIA representative at: <https://www.myctb.org/wst/casnap-ed/Lists/CurriculumModification/Curriculum%20Modifications.aspx>, however a summary of all documented modifications are available for all LIAs to access at: <https://archive.cdph.ca.gov/programs/NEOPB/Documents/SNAP-Ed%20Curriculum%20Modification%20Sharing%20Site%20Updates%20Log.pdf>. So don't hesitate to share your modifications and/or check out the types of modifications LIAs are documenting now! For more information on the SNAP-Ed Curriculum Modification Process and the Sharing Site contact **Tammy McMurdo** at tjmcmurdo@ucdavis.edu.

Webinar Recording: Strategies for Youth Engagement in Nutrition Education & Promotion: 4-H SNAC

In this webinar, the presenters will describe a process for integrating youth engagement and positive youth development programming into nutrition education services and projects with youth leaders in 4th-6th grades. The webinar will also describe the steps, lessons learned and outcomes of the 4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Clubs (SNAC) integrating 4-H programming with UC CalFresh Nutrition Education services. This webinar was presented by **Katherine E. Soule, Ph.D., Faculty; Shannon Klisch, MPH, Nutrition Program Supervisor; Betsy Plascencia, Nutrition Educator; JaNessa Willis, Nutrition Educator**, University of California Cooperative Extension's Youth, Families, and Communities program in San Luis Obispo & Santa Barbara Counties. To access the webinar recording and PowerPoint presentation, please visit: <https://learn.extension.org/events/3187>.

Webinar: Economic Impacts of Farm to School, October 11, 2017, 9:00am PT

Farm to school strives to strengthen the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and early care and education settings. This free webinar will discuss the economic impacts of farm to school initiatives through a case study approach. This webinar is part of a wider effort to promote the release of the associated report "[Economic Impacts of Farm to School: Case Studies and Assessment Tools](#)" (a collaborative project of the [National Farm to School Network](#) and Colorado State University). They will highlight the use of two key resources for conducting economic impact studies of food system initiatives (the USDA's "[The Economics of Local Food Systems: A Toolkit to Guide Community Discussions, Assessments and Choices](#)" and Cornell's "[A Practitioner's Guide to Conducting and Economic Impact Assessment of Regional Food Hubs using IMPLAN: A Systematic Approach](#)") and their application to farm to school economic impact assessment. Finally, you will hear from the [Food System Research Team](#) from Colorado State University about continuing work to better understand the impacts of farm to school activities on food supply chains, educational programming, and household food purchases. Register for the webinar by submitting [this form](#). If you have questions, please contact Libby Christensen at libby.christensen@colostate.edu.

NCCOR Connect & Explore Webinar: Built Environment Interventions to Increase Physical Activity, October 11, 2017, 12:00pm PT

Despite the benefits of regular physical activity, only 21.6% of children ages 6-19 in the United States get the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity at least 5 days per week. A recent review by the Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF) found that changing the built environment to promote active transportation or leisure-time activity is one opportunity to increase physical activity for all Americans, including children and youth. On October 11, NCCOR is hosting a Connect & Explore webinar on "Built Environment Interventions to Increase Physical Activity." The webinar will highlight recommendations from the CPSTF report *Physical Activity: Built Environment Approaches Combining Transportation System Interventions with Land Use and Environmental Design*. Presenters will discuss the evidence that informed the recommendations and how the recommendations can help communities get active and inform local policies. You must register to receive webinar access. The event is free, but attendance is limited. [Click here](#) to register.

Webinar: Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Implementation: Planning to put your Policy into Action, October 19, 2017, 3:00-4:30pm

Register for the upcoming School Wellness Policy Webinar-Planning to put your Policy into Action! This webinar will provide useful tools and resources, and share best practices that support the development of a wellness policy implementation plan. For additional information, and to register for the webinar, please visit: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/6050663449575773441>. Information regarding this webinar can also be found on the [CA SNAP-Ed Training and Events Calendar](#).

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UC CalFresh Youth Engagement Cohort Kick-Off Training Events—Register Today!

We are happy to share that registration for these Youth Engagement Cohort Kick-Off Training Events is now open. Please Register Today!

Teens as Teachers Cohort Online Kick-Off	YPAR Southern CA Kick-Off	YPAR Northern CA Kick-Off
Via ZOOM October 20, 2017 1:00pm-2:30pm	Riverside, CA November 9, 2017 9:30am-4:00pm	Stockton, CA November 15, 2017 9:30am-4:00pm

The Youth Engagement cohorts are groups of educators, supervisors and/or advisors who are implementing the same youth engagement program model along roughly the same trajectory and who come together at strategic points in the process for collective training, technical assistance and program development. Each cohort provides a collaborative, interactive, and dynamic space for staff and their youth groups to grow their knowledge and skills, share experiences, support peer mentorship, and foster program sustainability.

These YE Cohort Kick-Off Training Events, are being facilitated in partnership by California 4-H, UC Davis Center for Regional Change and the Public Health Institute Center for Wellness and Nutrition. Register today at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YEKickOffReg>.

Funding Opportunity: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2018 Culture of Health Prize, Deadline: November 3, 2017

This is an annual competition honoring communities that have placed a priority on health and are creating powerful partnerships and deep commitments to provide everyone with the opportunity to live well. Prize communities will receive \$25,000, have the opportunity to share their story and lessons learned with the country, and join a national network of past winning communities. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/features/culture-of-health-prize.html>.

Funding Opportunity: Community Change Grants

America Walks is excited to extend another round of community change micro grants to individuals and communities interested in improving the public sphere for walking or otherwise helping to make walking more commonplace. This program awards up to \$1,500 to fund or help catalyze smaller-scale, low-cost projects and programs that increase the prevalence of walking, expand the diversity of people and organizations working to advance walkability, and help to make walking safer, easier, and more fun for all community members. Advocates must be diligent in making sure that every community member has access to the many benefits of walking and walkability. Now in its third year, these grants to-date have provided catalytic assistance with innovative projects across the country, from maps that help encourage residents to explore their neighborhoods on foot to murals that help to enliven the pedestrian realm to targeted advertising that has helped to get the word out about existing walking programs. To learn more about the grant program, please [click here](#).

Community Food Projects (CFP) Competitive Grants Program, Deadline: December 4, 2017

In FY 2018, NIFA's CFP intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP) and (2) Planning Projects (PP). The primary goals of the CFP are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and Meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agriculture needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers. Public food program service providers, Tribal organizations, and Private nonprofit entities, including gleaners (see Definition in Part VII, D in the Request for Applications). For more information on eligibility, please [click here](#). For additional information, please visit: https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/rfa/18_CommunityFoodProjectsRFA.pdf.

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2018 Farm to School Grant RFA is Now Available!, Deadline: December 8, 2017

October is here and it is time to celebrate everything we love and know about Farm to School! From taste test to farm visits, to buying local foods and training farmers and producers, farm to school supports our local communities. This October, the Office of Community Food Systems is excited to release the FY 2018 Farm to School Request for Applications (RFA). The purpose of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to \$5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs. The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 tasked USDA with supporting farm to school efforts through grants, training, technical assistance, and research. For FY 2018, we offer the following grants:

- * **Implementation grants** are intended to help schools, school districts, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, small- and medium-sized agricultural producers or groups of small- and medium-sized agricultural producers, and non-profit entities working with schools or school districts to scale or further develop existing farm to school initiatives. Implementation awards range from \$50,000-\$100,000.
- * **Planning grants** are for schools or school districts, state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, small- and medium-sized agricultural producers or groups of small- and medium-sized agricultural producers, and non-profit entities working with schools or school districts that are just getting started on farm to school activities. These funds are intended to help these entities organize and structure their efforts for maximum impact by embedding known best practices into early design considerations. Planning awards range from \$20,000-\$50,000.
- * **Training grants** are intended for state and local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, small- and medium-sized agricultural producers or groups of small- and medium-sized agricultural producers, and non-profit entities to support trainings that strengthen farm to school supply chains, or trainings that provide technical assistance in the area of local procurement, food safety, culinary education, and/or integration of agriculture-based curriculum. Training awards range from \$20,000-\$50,000.

Complete applications must be submitted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59pm ET on December 8, 2017. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program>.

Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) Grant Program, Deadline: December 13, 2017

To support projects to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables among low-income consumers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by providing incentives at the point of purchase. The program will test strategies that could contribute to our understanding of how best to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by SNAP participants that would inform future efforts, and develop effective and efficient benefit redemption technologies. [Click here](#) for additional information on who is eligible to apply for this grant. For additional information, please visit: https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/rfa/FY%202018%20FINI_Final.pdf.

We want to hear from you!

The UC CalFresh State Office would love to hear from you! Please email Lindsay Hamasaki at lmhamasaki@ucdavis.edu to share your comments, stories, photos or other items you would like to see featured in future Weekly Updates.

The UC CalFresh Weekly Updates are sent by the UC CalFresh State Office on behalf of David Ginsburg, Director of the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program. Electronic versions of the Weekly Updates are also posted on the UC CalFresh website: <http://www.uccalfresh.org/weekly-updates>.

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