

Application

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Application is only online.

Here are the details of what can be done within the track we will be applying for. This will be a "full" grant (up to \$24,999) rather than a "microgrant" of under \$5000.

Track 2: Connecticut Farm to School Experiential Learning Grant

Purpose: This grant track is for the development and/or implementation of farm to school experiential learning opportunities for students and/or educators such as school gardens, agriculture education, and professional development for educators.

Applicants who seek to fund an experiential learning focused project for K-12 should apply under this category. Project Examples (projects can incorporate multiple components and please note that you are not limited to those listed)

- 7 • Materials and installation for a school garden. This could include, but is not limited to, materials for raised bed construction (CT Grown lumber and CT Grown compost preferred), purchase of a greenhouse (if ineligible for NRCS funding), or tower gardens for multiple classrooms.
- Curriculum design and/or implementation of lessons to integrate a school garden into classroom learning.
- Agricultural education and experiences such as farm field trips, gleaning on farms, stipends to bring a farmer to the classroom.
- Professional development for school educators
- Hands on culinary and nutrition education and taste testing with CT Grown products.

Under this category, a portion of the funds can be used for purchase of CT Grown ingredients with the goal of helping to foster relationships between a school and producer(s). * If more than 40% of the budget will be spent on purchases of farm products, please apply under Track 1: Local Procurement Grant.

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