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Farm to School and School Garden grants continue to transform Oregon school lunch
Grant awards go to forty-eight awardees to use nearly \$3 million in state funding for food-,
agriculture-, and garden-based educational activities

Salem, Ore., Update: December 2022 – This year, school lunch for nearly 168,000 Oregon students is continuing to transform thanks to an infusion of food education. The Oregon Department of Education has announced that thirty-five awardees are the recipients of competitive Farm to School and School Garden grants for food-, agriculture-, and farm-based education activities totaling \$2,915,192 which will provide over 323,000 hours of farm to school educational programming. The funding was available to school districts, Sponsors of Child and Adult Care Food Programs, Educational Service Districts, nonprofit entities, commodity commissions or councils, watershed councils, Oregon Food Producers and Tribal organizations across the state – from the Oregon Coast, through the metro regions, to remote Eastern Oregon.

The grant program is the product of House Bill 2579—the Farm to School & School Garden Bill—passed by the Oregon State Legislature with unanimous support in 2019. There are other portions to the grant as well, the largest portion being a non-competitive award available to all Oregon school districts and child and adult food care programs to assist in paying for costs incurred by the school district to purchase Oregon grown or processed food. It may not be enough to simply expose students to fresh, local healthy food by itself without teaching them about it, which is where the competitive educational grant comes in. It is designed to work in harmony with the non-competitive portion to have a greater impact on healthy choices and habits for Oregon students.

Highlights and Innovations from the Winning Entries Farm to School Grant Proposals

Adelante Mujeres

Awarded: \$10,000 (52 students)

Adelante Mujeres' Child Nutrition team will provide Latine children ages 2-5 years old and their families with educational activities throughout the year to learn how their food is grown, purchased, and prepared into a meal. The children served will come from Adelante's certified Early Childhood Education classrooms that serves as a CACFP site.

Bethel SD

Awarded: \$10,000 (495 students)

The Bethel Farm to School Project will enhance programming for students at multiple elementary schools and Kalapuya High School in the Bethel School District. Kalapuya High School students will lead spring and fall field trips, becoming farm leaders for the day as they mentor elementary students at different agricultural stations. Kalapuya students will also actively manage the apiary and farm throughout the year – and can apply to become paid summer agricultural interns on the farm. Families will access farm activities, community cooking and nutrition classes, and multi-cultural events, co-hosted with Huerto de la Familia on the farm.

Brookings Harbor SD

Awarded: \$39,079 (1,500 students)

BHSD is making its gardens more accessible and sustainable for our students and community members to learn in and enjoy for years to come. They have re-partnered with a corps of volunteers from the local Curry County Master Gardeners group to revitalize their pollinator garden at the elementary school – their “Monarch School USA.” They’ve laid the groundwork for better ADA access and infrastructure in the high school’s produce garden with the district’s investment in paved walkways, site grading, and set up. They continue to grow locally sourced options while engaging 100% of their students in hands-on garden education to understand the connections between food, health, culture, the economy, and the environment. Their student- and community-built gardens are ready to once again harvest and deliver food to school cafeterias, the free summer meals program, tasting tables, food bank, soup kitchen, local restaurants, and school-based businesses via value-added products created by students.

Building Healthy Families

Awarded: \$16,613 (22 students)

Building Healthy Families is providing nutrition education materials and supplies, field trip coordination between two education programs and additional supplies and equipment as needed for continued operation of an existing garden. The garden will provide at least 20 hours

of garden/food based educational activities to approximately 22 students. In addition, funding will be used to provide a watering system for the garden which provides fresh, locally sourced, organic produce to the area's food banks, Head Start program and Alternative Education School. The garden will be used as an outdoor classroom for learning opportunities for the Head Start and Alternative Education programs.

Capaces Leadership Institute

Awarded: \$100,000 (225 students)

Capaces' Anahuac Farm is a seed to table culturally specific agriculture and culinary education program targeted at immigrant children, youth and their families in the Cascade School District (Cloverdale Elementary) and in Salem-Keizer SD (Hallman Elementary). Children, youth, and their families will learn and put into practice basic farming, production, processing, packaging, and culinary aspects of culturally appropriate agricultural products from Indigenous Mexico (Mixtec, Zapotec, Maya, Purepecha...), with an emphasis on sustainable traditional techniques. Lessons will take place on our teaching farm in Turner, OR.

Cascade School District

Awarded: \$5,000 (30 students)

Community service is an important part of Cascade School District. This service-oriented project will bring together students at Cascade Opportunity Center (alternative HS), Adult Transitions Program (life skills), and community partners. Funding will provide an opportunity for our most at-risk students to earn .5 credit and experience hands-on learning, collaborate with others through mentoring as well as gain employable skills that can help them personally and as community members. Grant funds will be used to purchase resources and materials to support our greenhouse and collaborate with the community in addition to adding nutritious produce to our current school lunch program.

Central Oregon Environmental Center

Awarded: \$29,430 (510 students)

The Garden for Every School program provides garden and food-based lessons, family cooking nights, after-school garden club, fruit and vegetable tasting opportunities, and full cycle – spring planting and fall harvesting farm field trips for students in Central Oregon. Program goals include increasing kid's exposure to fruits and vegetables and seeking positive change in their willingness to try fruits and vegetables. They accomplish these goals through lessons and tastings, but also by working to cultivate a culture of health in schools. After-school activities that include families are one way, as well as encouraging parent, staff, and administrative participation on garden committees.

Central Point SD

Awarded: \$99,447 (2,199 students)

Central Point School District has been a longtime supporter of garden and nutrition education, recognizing that healthy habits start early in life. Utilizing Oregon grown and produced products in our cafeteria systems is also a strong held commitment they make to our community and student body. In order to uphold our commitment to our student's health, while providing innovative hands-on learning experiences, they seek to continue our garden education and procurement programs through this grant.

Corvallis Environmental Center

Awarded: \$39,201 (960 students)

Planting the Seed: Connecting Youth and Food in Benton and Linn Counties will expand the successful Corvallis-based Farm to School program to the Albany area encouraging more children and families in urban and rural schools to make healthy food choices, utilize outdoor learning spaces like school gardens and local farms, and support regional farms and producers. Our vision is a comprehensive, culturally diverse, and multifaceted Farm to School program for the mid-Willamette region that integrates food, garden and agriculture experiences into the fabric of our schools and the lives of our students and their communities.

Curry County Soil & Water Conservation District

Awarded: \$62,958 (462 students)

Curry County K-8 students in two rural coastal school districts will build confidence and connections by engaging with school gardens, local food systems, educators, and community volunteers. In the garden, students will learn natural watershed processes while growing food for the school cafeteria. In the classroom, students will explore Oregon agriculture and prepare for field experiences. On field trips, students will interact with producers, processors, fishermen, and tribal members. They continue to work with our school districts on an ongoing basis to keep our community safe through COVID19.

Eden Acres Environmental Education

Awarded: \$22,979 (5,700 students)

This program will expand the Forest Grove School District (FGSD) garden program by providing hours for a Garden Coordinator (GC), prioritizing candidates who are bilingual (Spanish & English) to best support our bilingual community. Through a dynamic, and longstanding, partnership between FGSD and EdenAcres Environmental Education (EA), the Garden Coordinator works with district teachers to integrate and deliver EA's STEAM, NGSS, and Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan-aligned garden and agriculture based curricula, coordinate field trips to farms and gardens, design and implement garden maintenance plans, manage and organize volunteer opportunities and community engagement, and provide in-class professional development for district teachers.

Elgin SD

Awarded: \$100,000 (407 students)

All students in the Elgin School District will have the opportunity to grow produce, harvest produce, and evaluate beef and sheep raised by the District.

Family Nurturing Center

Awarded: \$99,631 (1,456 students)

The Family Nurturing Center Farm and Food Program works in collaboration with community partners to increase access to healthy, locally grown produce and farm based educational activities. They distribute produce grown on their farm to families facing barriers to food security, host farm field trips and harvest meals provided by Rogue Valley Farm to School, and provide meals in our pre-K classrooms featuring locally sourced produce. Their goal is to provide access to enough healthy, locally produced food to support the development and health of all children in our community.

Food Roots

Awarded: \$41,585 (1,330 students)

This project will connect Tillamook County students in grades pre-k through 8th grade with direct agriculture, food systems and nutrition education through regular classroom and garden-based lessons. It will also provide support for north coast Oregon farmers and provide family engagement opportunities through local food tasting tables, farm/marina field trips, farmer visits to classrooms and school-wide local food open houses. This project will also support schools in building and maintaining school garden sites and provide local food procurement support for school cafeterias.

Greater Albany School District

Awarded: \$53,424 (387 students)

This project will

- Provide a hands-on Gardening Educational Experience to participants from Memorial Middle School (MMS) & the Community Transition Program (CTP), a program of Albany Options School (AOS).
- Create a new on-site adaptive school garden at CTP.
- Provide MMS/CTP community with weekly Facebook, "What's Happening in the School Gardens & on Oregon Farms."
- Enrich MMS/CTP students & community diets with Healthy Eating options from the school gardens supplemented with Oregon grown or processed foods.
- Provide funding to create hours for an essential Garden Educator who will devote their time to educating and hands on activities in the garden with students.
- Provide activities that will enhance the awareness of Oregon fresh & Oregon processed foods to the MMS/CTP school community.

Glide School District

Awarded: \$12,225 (380 students)

Glide Elementary School's Paw Patch Garden will guide students through the practices of "New Agriculture" (use of cover crops, no tilling, no artificial fertilizers, mulching around plants) as they work in the garden, producing crops to be eaten on site, served in the cafeteria, or taken home to share. Students will also discover plant science, understand the importance of good nutrition, sample monthly table tastings of locally grown produce, and experience the agricultural history of our area from harvesting and eating camas bulbs as the Umpqua Tribe did to pressing cider from the school orchard's apples and pears.

Grow Portland

Awarded: \$99,550 (3,790 students)

Grow Portland partners with primarily low-income schools to engage students in their hands-on, food-based Garden School program. They are committed to increasing equitable access to inclusive programming and healthy food for every student, including special education students. Garden Educators teach scientific concepts to all classes through hands-on activities and outdoor exploration as students grow their own food right outside school doors. In addition to actively tasting fresh vegetables during garden sessions, extra produce is placed in cafeterias or sent home with students.

Growing Gardens

Awarded: \$99,953 (2,705 students)

Each year, Growing Gardens engages over 2,700 Portland area students ages 3-18 in garden and food-based programming that is culturally reflective of their students, inspiring, and supports student learning and well-being. They partner with 14 schools in communities with limited resources, using community feedback to guide program offerings. Schools include 5 early education sites, 10 K-5 schools, 1 K-8 school and 2 high schools. Their programming will include: school day classes, visits from local food systems leaders, Harvest of the Month cafeteria activities, take home cooking kits, after school clubs, harvest sharing, and community involvement.

Impact NW

Awarded: \$77,886 (245 students)

Impact NW's *Supa Fresh Youth Farm* seeks to strengthen school and community relationships, increase student's knowledge of healthy food choices, highlight Oregon-grown foods, and cultivate student's academic, vocational and life skills while addressing food system inequities at Creekside Community High School in the Tigard Tualatin School District. Through student leadership operating the Supa Fresh Youth Farm and Soap Company, culturally and age-

appropriate food and garden education, community engagement, and experiential skill building, Supa Fresh Youth Farm will support a student-led initiative to bring their community together through a variety of projects centered around experiential learning through growing and sharing food.

Jefferson School District

Awarded: \$10,000 (336 students)

Jefferson Elementary School received an ODE Mini-Grant in 2020. They used that funding to create a vibrant, inviting, and well-utilized Sensory Garden. Their team also started to build a vegetable production garden in our playground area.

They will expand their vegetable garden, create an outdoor classroom, and add a more automated irrigation system to our Sensory Garden. They hope all of these improvements will lead to a more productive and self-sufficient school garden program for their school.

Jewell School

Awarded: \$9,812 (284 students)

Jewell School will organize a school based garden within the rural community of Jewell, Oregon. Access to fresh produce is a 30 mile minimum drive for most members of the community. The proposed garden will provide education for students and families within the community through hands-on activities, outdoor gardening, fresh fruits and vegetables, healthy eating, nutrition, and mental, emotional, and physical health. They want to incorporate the garden into our school meal program, science, culinary, and health classes. The focus of this project is to actively engage students outside the classroom in order to bring learning alive.

Josephine County Food Bank

Awarded: \$62,595 (750 students)

This school garden project will revitalize communities by coordinating parents, teachers, Master Gardeners and volunteers to evolve and rebuild school gardens after the pandemic years. Utilizing a comprehensive Soil to Food curriculum to teach regenerative agriculture and healthy lifestyle. Students will visit 4 local farm producers to understand the local food-system and the connection between the environment and community. Students will increase their knowledge on the soil connection to food, understand where food comes from and the impact of the local/global food system and increase their experience with nutritious foods.

Keep Growing Seeds

Awarded: \$99,965 (330 students)

Keep Growing Seeds CALLING ALL CHEFS initiative bridges students, families and their schools to food security and inclusivity by building sustainable food procurement relationships with producers and local value added product makers. Our experiential activities teach lifelong skills with food as the foundation.

Kids Unlimited of Oregon*Awarded: \$95,476 (750 students)*

Kids Unlimited of Oregon (KU) will strengthen its gardening programs to foster a culture of health via nutritional education programs, hands-on garden instruction, and revitalize, build, and enhance its Medford and White City gardens infrastructure. With the support of the Rogue Valley Farm to School and OSU SNAP ED program, KU will expand its school's garden education by hiring a Garden Educator to increase accessibility to garden-based education. The program will serve 750 Kids Unlimited Academy Charter students and KU after school students, providing more than 1,000 hours of hands-on garden and nutrition education.

Klamath County SD*Awarded: \$99,847 (7,400 students)*

KCSD's Grow It, Know It, Eat It program will expand food production by utilizing their high school FFA students and FoodCorps members. Students in 12 focus schools will learn how to grow and safely harvest food for consumption using grow tower gardens, chicken coops, and/or raised-bed gardens and greenhouses, building on our district's Farm to School program and increasing the amount of on-site and Oregon-grown food served in cafeterias. All students in their 21 schools will have opportunities to taste and learn about Oregon-grown foods in their school cafeterias.

Lebanon SD*Awarded: \$34,545 (3,662 students)*

Due to the current expansion of Seven Oak Middle School, the 20 year old teaching garden will need to be moved to a different location. They are using this opportunity to create a new garden there and expand existing school gardens. They aim to create more inclusive gardens by creating additional areas for crops and plants native to other regions while increasing disability accessibility. Community outreach will be increased by interacting more with local volunteer groups and by increasing the amount of plants, seeds, and materials they send home to students and their families and volunteers.

Lincoln County SD*Awarded: \$81,253 (xx students)*

This Lincoln County School District project will provide supplies to continue gardening efforts at Yaquina View Elementary (K-2) and Newport Middle School/Future Bound (6-8). It will initiate a new school garden program at Sam Case Elementary (3-5) and provide resources to update Newport High School's (9-12) gardens.

Funds will enable us to have a complete K-12 garden and nutrition program with a focus on growing food to be served in our cafeterias. They will also create a comprehensive roadmap in

order to duplicate efforts in a streamlined manner in the rest of our county schools over the next 10 years.

Luckiamute Valley Charter School

Awarded: \$45,800 (233 students)

Approximately 240 K-8th graders will engage in weekly gardening lessons; access monthly food preparation and tasting activities; propagate, cultivate, harvest, and eat from their gardens; learn about land care, regenerative agriculture, and sustainable and equitable farming practices. Middle school students will begin cooking at least one meal for the school per month and elementary students will more than triple their growing area. Local farmers will be engaged to provide produce and relationships will be built with families through educational newsletters and preparation of home garden building kits to carry the learning into the home.

North Santiam School District

Awarded: \$65,013 (1,858 students)

North Santiam School district is planning to use the funds to create garden spaces for students at both schools to include raised beds, green houses, composting stations, benches and tables for students to work and learn. They will plan multiple farm related field trips. The end goal is to teach our students where their food comes from, making a connection between the garden and the school cafeteria and their homes. Multiple teachers and classrooms will be involved. The middle school has a “green team” class that emphasizes reduce/reuse/recycle activities. The older students will be available to support the younger students in cooperative learning.

Oregon State University-Soil Science

Awarded: \$100,000 (42,794 students)

School gardens are associated with many health benefits; however, soils may be enriched in heavy metals, which can adversely impact children’s health. Many schools lack the funding to conduct these analyses. They propose, for 100 K-12 schools: 1) Analyze nine heavy metals (total arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, mercury, manganese, nickel, lead, and zinc) in school garden soils and compost (n=5 samples/school), and provide recommendations to reduce children’s exposure, as needed; and 2) Implement math/science activities in grades 4-8 to measure physical and chemical properties of garden soil (pH, nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium), using the LaMotte Topsoil Test (meets NGSS standards).

Oregon State University-Pollinator Project

Awarded: \$99,975 (33,400 students)

Explore the Bees of Oregon (OH4S-EBO) unites researchers, educators, and youth around STEAM concepts including nutrition, gardening and crop production as it is focused on how bees help make Oregon foods. Over 500 preK-12 grade teachers have reviewed *Explore the Bees of Oregon* activity books, and their feedback will inform an OH4S toolkit bees’ section.

New resources will include an updated activity book, posters, 20 (30-min) activity lesson plans, recipes, online and paper coloring sheets, and videos. Using Oregon food and garden-based education as the lens, activities will comprehensively cover 4th grade health, social studies, science, language arts and math standards.

Oregon State University-Family & Community Health *Awarded: \$99,999 (36,000 students)*

Oregon Harvest for Schools Summer Food Service Program Sponsor Toolkits (OH4S-SFSP) uses an innovative approach to build on existing Oregon Department of Education school meals campaign materials (OH4S, Oregon Farm to Summer Celebration Challenge). Statewide goals are to amplify OH4S summer messaging and increase SFSP participation to promote food security and enrichment activities with Oregon's children/teens. SFSP participation barriers in urban and rural areas are addressed, and the project moves towards more diverse SFSP participation with a farm to school emphasis. OH4S-SFSP is guided by comprehensive 2022-2023 research with SFSP sponsors, parents/caregivers across the state and Oregon State University County Extension faculty/educators.

Oregon State University-Klamath Co. *Awarded: \$85,158 (7,069 students)*

Extension partners with schools in Klamath and Lake Counties to expand and complement farm to CNP programs in the region by sharing tested strategies and resources. Our program consists of in-class education on: Oregon-grown foods, hatching chicks and cooking for teens/families. Classroom education is extended through outdoor/indoor learning gardens, tours to farms, farmers markets and grocery stores, agriculture art and trivia contests and teen-led book readings. Additional students are reached by providing teacher and nutrition services staff trainings. Community members are engaged by participating in Grow This Challenge, Youth Chef Challenge/Farm Expo, family cooking kits and school wide celebrations.

Oregon State University-Marion Co. *Awarded: \$57,793 (915 students)*

OSU Extension Service SNAP-Ed, 4-H and the Marion Polk Food Share Youth Farm are partnering to provide experiential education, training and youth leadership for a diverse group of elementary and high school students related to healthy foods, food access, gardening, and Oregon agriculture. Through a mixture of farm field trips, garden-based nutrition education in schools and intensive garden training on the Youth Farm, youth participants from under-resourced communities will gain the knowledge, skills and self-confidence to make healthy food choices and grow their own food.

Phoenix School of Roseburg

Awarded: \$84,500 (215 students)

Phoenix School of Roseburg has a vast history of school gardening and farm to school in Douglas County. As one of the first school gardens in the county to provide produce to school meals, they take pride in being a role model for school garden programs throughout the state. This project will strengthen our Food & Farm Corps program and produce over 1000 pounds of produce to be used in school meals, while creating job skills for youth. Through partnerships, they will increase cultural lessons around food and provide hands-on, experiential learning for students and families.

Portland Public SD; MLK PTA

Awarded: \$3,600 (14 students)

This project will be an afterschool program affiliated with PPS's SUN school program. Our fantastic school nutritionist, Miss Ruby, will teach students how seeds become delicious and nutritious vegetables through gardening projects, cooking classes, and drawing exercises. This program will be offered in the Fall and Spring two days a week for six weeks each term. The program is for first, second, and third grade students.

Prairie City School District

Awarded: \$100,000 (130 students)

Prairie City School will continue to employ an existing Program Coordinator to oversee gardening and agriculture education activities in the elementary grades, in partnership with the existing agriculture, food and natural resource program in higher grade levels. Students will learn how food is grown in classrooms, livestock facility, and greenhouse. Chickens raised for eggs, vegetables for school meals (grown in greenhouse, outside garden, and hydroponics systems), fruit, and pork and beef will be raised and harvested by students, and prepared in school meals. Prairie City School will expand by incorporating an aquaponics system for students to learn alternative food production.

Rainier School District

Awarded: \$40,188 (430 students)

During the 2022 – 2023 school year, RSD will hire an IA to serve as our Farm to School Coordinator. This person will assist with nutrition education in preschool – 12th grade, conduct tasting tables at lunch time, and provide after school care with Farm to Child Nutrition Program lessons each day. They will also use grant funding to revitalize our hoop house, raised beds, and purchase materials to build tables for our green house.

Rogue Valley Farm to School

Awarded: \$99,697 (1,187 students)

Rogue Valley Farm to School's experienced educators work in collaboration with schools to build a culture of health. Students participate in hands-on activities and lessons related to farming, nutrition, food preparation, and the connection between food production, the

environment and the local economy. Programs are designed to meet grade specific Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards, including farm field trips, school garden activities, cafeteria programs & teacher professional development. Rogue Valley Farm to School has agreements with working farms that serve as educational sites.

Roseburg School District

Awarded: \$98,320 (1,400 students)

This grant will enable 1200 students across Roseburg Public Schools to expand their understanding of the process of food production to consumption through garden improvement and expansion at local schools. The grant would provide hands-on and experiential learning opportunities, tastings of local produce and culturally relevant foods, and partnerships with local food providers and agricultural advocates. Additionally, the Roseburg Garden Coalition will partner with the agricultural education program, the county garden hub, and other community partners.

School Garden Project of Lane County

Awarded: \$21,029 (800 students)

School Garden Project of Lane County (SGP) helps Lane County schools develop onsite vegetable gardens where they teach children standards-based science and the basics of growing food, using the garden as an outdoor laboratory.

SGP's main goals and objectives are to increase children's science knowledge, to assist children in making healthy eating choices, to teach children to be good stewards of the earth, and to strengthen their confidence through collaboration and cooperation with their fellow students. SGP's lessons are designed to encourage learning while having fun!

Serendipity Center

Awarded: \$99,847 (105 students)

Serendipity is a unique school that provides integrated education and mental health support for children and families who have nowhere else to turn. They offer a supportive school community where children affected by disability and trauma can heal, learn and thrive. Their Growing Minds Garden is a therapeutic school garden program where students develop life skills, grow sustainable vegetables for school meals and take-home, and benefit from therapeutic gardening. This request would further integrate the garden and school nutrition programs and aid development of our "Farm-to-Community" food distribution program, and expand vocational opportunities linked to the garden.

Sustainable Living Center

Awarded: \$46,617 (575 students)

This Umatilla County project builds on Sustainable Living Center's Walla Walla Valley Farm to School program, in partnership with OSU Extension Service, Milton-Freewater Unified School

District and the Oregon Child Development Coalition migrant/seasonal Pre-K and Headstart programs. Funding will support community building, school garden development, cultural programming, experiential food and farm lessons, and nutritional support through Harvest for Schools procurement, tasting tables and meal services. Education activities will revolve around principles of regeneration, sustainability, STEAM, DEI, SEL, and practical applications of Harvest of the Month, the OSU Extension *Food Hero*, and *Grow This!* Challenge.

Umpqua Valley Farm to School

Awarded: \$99,215 (1,975 students)

Umpqua Valley Farm to School provides hands-on, experiential learning across multiple grade levels in agriculture, arts, culture, STEAM, and nutrition. The last three years have shown major growth in the farm to school and school garden program in Douglas County and this program aims to provide heightened awareness and participation in our local food system and a deeper understanding of the history of agriculture and food in our area. Their school garden programs incorporate three pillars of wellness: Nutrition, Mindfulness, and Physical Activity and they feel strongly that these are at the core of our organizations mission.

Village School

Awarded: \$8,113 (226 students)

This project aims to expand student awareness of Oregon agriculture and agricultural production through presentations from local farmers and producers, monthly samplings of local foods, expanded nutrition education in classrooms and increased school garden to cafeteria production. The parent body will be reached through volunteer opportunities and monthly Farm to School posts in our school newsletter. Through these experiences, they hope to strengthen the connections between local growers and producers and their school community while providing dynamic learning opportunities for our students to engage in.

White Oak Farm

Awarded: \$63,336 (400 students)

Through the School Partnership Project, White Oak Farm will provide students in four Applegate Valley schools with school garden, classroom and cafeteria-based education programs, as well as farm field trips and tasting tables featuring local organic produce. Activities will emphasize diverse foods, cultures, and learning styles, and will empower all students to develop skills and knowledge to help them make healthy lifelong choices. Their programs will feature a grade-appropriate experiential garden/nutrition/arts/ecology curriculum; and will strive to create multi-year connections between students and the Farm. These experiences will culminate with an overnight farm-stay and cob-oven pizza party for graduating classes.

Willamina School District

Awarded: \$8,034 (366 students)

They would like to create a farmer's market for students. Local farmers will set up booths on the playground. Former students and now educated chefs and culinary students will perform cooking demonstrations and provide recipes using products from the market. Students will receive tokens to purchase fresh, local produce for their families. They will also receive tote bags and activity books with local farm maps and related educational activities. It is our goal for students to learn about local foods, try new foods, how to budget, exchange money, new cooking skills, mapping and more.

Friends of Zenger Farm*Awarded: \$41,424 (975 students)*

Zenger Farm's educational programming connects youth and their families to nature and healthy food systems. Since 2012 they collaborated with the David Douglas School District (DDSD), one of the most racially and ethnically diverse districts in the Portland Metro area, to provide Farm School for every DDSD 5th grader. Farm School engages students through hands-on food, agriculture, garden, and nutrition-based educational activities.

To extend these learning experiences beyond 5th graders, they partner with culturally specific organizations for after-school programs. They also host weekly Open Farm Days for students and their whole families to explore our organic farm and wetlands.

For more information concerning the Oregon Farm to CNP Grants, contact farmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.