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To: ALL School Food Authorities

Subject: SFS 15-81 Seed Change Mini-Grant Opportunity

The National Farm to School Network is now accepting applications from eligible schools or school districts in Louisiana for **\$5,000 mini-grants** to help new or existing Farm to School programs and activities. Louisiana is one of three states selected to participate in this program. For further information, click on the link provided below.

<http://www.louisianafarmentoschool.org/seed-change/>



Grow your farm to school program with a Seed Change mini grant!

The National Farm to School Network is now accepting applications from eligible schools or school districts in Louisiana for **\$5,000 mini grants** to help jump start new farm to school activities or ramp up existing programs. Grants can be used for local food for tastings, new processing equipment, hosting events, building school gardens and more! All non-profit schools and school districts in Louisiana are eligible to apply.

Deadline for applications is Monday, June 15 at 11:59pm ET.

Don't miss this opportunity to join in the growing movement that's transforming the way kids eat and connecting communities with their agricultural history!

For more information and to apply now visit: www.farmentoschool.org/seedchange

Informational Webinar:

Join us for a webinar on preparing a strong proposal and the application process for the Seed Change mini grants on Thursday, May 21 at 2pm ET (1pm CT)!

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8615574469832001282>

Questions? [Email: seedchange@farmentoschool.org](mailto:seedchange@farmentoschool.org)

What is Seed Change?

Seed Change is an 18-month, \$1.5 million project funded by the Walmart Foundation addressing barriers to farm to school in states that are ripe for significant growth. The mini grants will support a wide variety of activities including local food student tastings, school garden activities, food and nutrition education, kitchen equipment to enable utilization of local foods, food service staff training and more at emerging farm to school sites. Up to 100 mini grants to be awarded across the three participating states, Kentucky, Louisiana and Pennsylvania.

Statewide outreach efforts, trainings and technical assistance will be provided by the National Farm to School Network and Market Umbrella in Louisiana to create a robust farm to school network for long-term program sustainability.

[Market Umbrella](#), a 501c3 nonprofit organization, cultivates the field of public markets for public good. The organization utilizes its emblematic Crescent City Farmers Market as a platform for innovation, learning, and sharing with this growing field.