South Dakota Farm to School Grant

Eligibility:
- Must be a school district located in South Dakota that participates in the USDA National School Lunch Program.
- All school districts are welcome to apply.
- Commit to hosting one Homegrown Lunch Day.
- Grant funds must be used to increase access to local foods.

Application Process:
- Applications are due May 1, 2022.
- Applications will only be accepted online on our website.
- Awards are expected to be announced on August 1, 2022.
- Funds will be reimbursed after the grantee spends the total amount.

About:
The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources in partnership with Dakota Rural Action and SDSU Extension will offer mini grants totaling $80,000 to help schools districts offer local and fresh foods.

How it Works:
Each district may apply for up to $5,000 in funding. No match or other funding source is necessary. Applicants will be reimbursed as expenses occur.

Eligible Items:
- Non stationary greenhouses
- Cafeteria equipment
- Supplies for outdoor/indoor garden
- Seeds, plants, and livestock supplies
- Local food used for Homegrown Lunch Day or other purposes (up to 10% of the grant awarded)
  - Construction projects are not eligible

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