

**News Release**  
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**USDA ADDS EVENT GRANTS TO FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
**WEBINARS SCHEDULED TO ASSIST APPLICANTS**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is requesting applications for the third round of Farm To School (FTS) grants, including the addition of a new funding track and a series of webinars to help applicants understand the program.

Grants will be awarded to assist FTS planning, implementation and support services, along with a new category to support meetings, events and training sessions. Proposals are due at 11:59 p.m. EST, April 30, 2014.

USDA expects to distribute approximately \$500,000 in additional funds to support at least one statewide or regional meeting in all seven Food and Nutrition Service regions and at least one national conference. Letters of Intent are due at 11:59 p.m. EST, April 2, 2014.

To assist eligible entities in preparing proposals, USDA will host a series of webinars related to the application process:

- March 11, 2014, 1:00 EST – Planning Grants
- March 12, 2014, 1:00 EST – Implementation Grants
- March 13, 2014, 1:00 EST – Support Service Grants
- March 14, 2014, 1:00 EST – Training and Event Funding Track

Application details can be found at

[www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/FY2015\\_FSGP\\_RFA\\_2182014.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/FY2015_FSGP_RFA_2182014.pdf).

For more information on FTS in West Virginia, visit [www.groweducatesell.com](http://www.groweducatesell.com),

[www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school), or contact WVDA FTS coordinator Buddy Davidson at 304-541-5932, [bdavidson@wvda.us](mailto:bdavidson@wvda.us).