

Texas Local Food for Schools Funding

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Texas Local Food for Schools (LFS)

- **\$22.3 million** for Texas schools
 - Funded through the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
 - Minimally or unprocessed foods served through NSLP
 - Allowable costs: direct food costs, storage, and transportation
- Food items must be produced in Texas
 - Intended to expand local and regional markets with an emphasis on purchasing from historically underserved producers

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LFS funds will be sub-granted to CEs

- CEs will *opt into the program*
- Awards will be made in the Fall 2023
- Program funds must be expended by *March 2025*
- More information will be provided on SquareMeals.org and eblasts.

Minimally and Unprocessed Foods

Examples of Allowable Products

- Fruits and vegetables, including 100% juices
- Grains – pastas, rice
- Meats – whole, pieces, ground meats
- Meat alternates – beans or legumes
- Fluid milk and dairy products – yogurt, cheese
- Variety of processing states (whole, cut, pureed) and forms (fresh, frozen, dried, canned)

Examples of Unallowable Products

- Baked goods, prepackaged sandwiches/meals, chicken nuggets, fish sticks, pre-made pizzas, etc.