

# Texas Local Food for Schools Funding

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# Texas Local Food for Schools (LFS)

- \$22.3 million for Texas schools
- Limited time funding opportunity
- Establish or strengthen connections to Texas farmers, ranchers, and small businesses for this grant and in the future
- Funds can be used to support your CE's Farm Fresh Challenge purchasing

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- Grant to NSLP and SBP CEs
- CEs with FSMCs are not eligible to participate
- CE opt-in period:  
**September 18 – October 17**
- **Smartsheet link will be emailed to the CND contact listed in TX-UNPS**

CE Enrollment	Grant Amount
40,000 or more	\$30,000
1,000 – 39,999	\$15,000
Less than 1,000	\$6,000

# Grant Expenses

Allowable costs: direct food costs, storage, transportation

- Food items **must be produced in Texas** – emphasis on purchasing from historically underserved producers and small businesses

## Examples of Allowable Food 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.