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# 30% Initiative Updates

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# 30% Throughout the Years at AGM

- 2021-2022 School Year
  - 55 applications received, 51 SFAs approved
  - \$6,462,459.65 total spent on NYS food products
- 2022-2023 School Year
  - 62 applications received, 59 SFAs approved
  - \$8,039,528.97 total spent on NYS food products

# 30% Updates

In light of the impact of the multiple changes in the interpretation of the relationship between the 30% NYS Initiative subsidy and the State CEP reimbursement, SFAs who are scheduled for a renewal audit, may choose to have their audit postponed until the 2024-2025 school year

# Pros/Cons of Audit Postponement

## Pros

- If you were working from the assumption that you were not going to receive the full 30% subsidy and were less inclined to continue in the program, this should give SFAs an opportunity to re-engage with the program.

## Cons

- If you have multiple schools but only some have been affected by this change, you may choose to opt out and have your affected schools keep their normal audit schedule in order to keep all your schools on the same schedule.



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# NYS Farm-to-School Grant Program

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# Farm-to-School Grant Program

- The Farm-to-School Grant Program began in 2015, goals of the program are:
  - To increase the volume and variety of New York State farm products purchased by schools/districts and served in school meals.
  - To develop and increase student awareness of locally produced farm products. Also to encourage agricultural education, nutrition education and gardening activities in schools.
  - To promote connections between New York producers and/or processors and school food authorities to increase producer revenue and foster regional food system awareness.

# Growth Through the Years

- **2015**

- 6 Projects funded
- \$325,000
- 2 Projects funded with \$100,000 USDA SCBG funding

- **2016**

- 7 Projects funded
- \$500,000
- 3 Projects funded with \$250,000 in USDA SCBG funding

- **2017**

- 12 Projects funded
- \$1,000,000
- 3 Projects funded with \$250,000 in USDA SCBG funding

- **2018**

- 18 Projects funded
- \$1,500,000 solely State funded

- **2019**

- 16 Projects funded
- \$1,524,000 solely State funded

- **2020**

- 12 Projects funded
- \$539,000 solely State funded

- **2022**

- 16 Projects funded
- \$1,487,000 solely State funded

- **2023**

- 10 Projects funded
- \$850,000 solely State funded



# 2024-2025 Grant Program

- Moved to biannual award process.
- 2024 Request for Proposals will be released this spring via SFS.
- Proposed \$1,500,000 will be available, with project terms of 9/1/2024 to 8/31/2026.



# Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program

- Program Goals:
  - Encourage the use of fresh New York State farm products in meal preparation for K-12 school children, reduce food insecurity, increase market opportunities for New York State producers, and strengthen the resiliency of our state's food system.
  - Boost workforce development by providing training for culinary arts, food processing, safe food handling and storage, logistics, delivery, and other community needs.
- Requirements of the Program:
  - That facilities serve multiple school districts, support their local community, and provide workforce development opportunities. Must fund capital projects.

# Regional School Food Infrastructure Grant Program

- \$50,000,000 will be available over five years, with one \$5,000,000 award to each of the ten regions. \$10,000,000 is available for each round, with two \$5,000,000 awards being made to two separate regions. Once a grantee is awarded in a region, that region will be removed from consideration for future funding rounds. Grantees can only apply for the full amount of \$5,000,000 per proposal.

# 2023 Round 1 Awardees

- **Buffalo City School District** in the Western New York Region , is being awarded \$5,000,000.
- **Champlain Valley Educational Services (Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES)** in the North Country Region, is being awarded \$5,000,000.
- **2024 Round 2** will be released late 2024.

# Thank You!

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