**Message to NSD’s and Business Mgrs re: LFS.**

TO: (Name) (Title)

DATE:

Sponsor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Subject: USDA Farm to School Local Food for Schools (LFS) Grant

Hello,

You are receiving this email because you are a Sponsor that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

The USDA has assigned the State of Oregon just over $2 million to administer a new Federal Farm to School reimbursement grant titled **USDA Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program** **(LFS)**.

Most Oregon schools currently participate in the **State-funded** Oregon Farm to CNP Grant for Reimbursement of Oregon Grown and Processed food. The LFS Grant is administered **in addition** to the State-funded grant program under the condition that efforts already in place are not duplicated. This means the **LFS funds will be available as reimbursement for items that are not reimbursable under the State reimbursement grant**.

Here are some particulars about the LFS Grant:

* LFS a one-time funding opportunity from USDA.
* The LFS performance period is from March 1, 2023 to Aug 30, 2024.
* LFS is an automatic opt-in award. For those who do not wish to accept the funds, there will be a process for opting out.
* The LFS award allocation for your operation is: (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
* LFS is available to NSLP operations only, and is to be used for lunches and breakfasts. Child & Adult Food Care (CACFP) operations are not eligible for these funds.
* **Allowable items**:
	+ Liquid half pint milk cartons
	+ Items that come from up to 400 miles outside of Oregon’s border.
* **Unallowable Items**:
	+ Processed foods
	+ Local foods from Oregon, within Oregon’s borders (except milk). **State** Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant funds are to be used for these.

**Mandatory Training**: The training slide deck on the [LFS Grant webpage](https://www-auth.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/F2S/Pages/LFS.aspx) under ***Training Resources*** that includes all of the details for this grant. Viewing is mandatory. Once you have completed the training, in order to access LFS funds, you must submit the training attestation form (also linked under ***Training Resources***)

If you have any questions after viewing the training slides, please send us an email at farmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov. We will respond to your question, as well as add them to the FAQ document on the LFS webpage.

Thank you,