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1. **Benefits**: USDA’s Farm to School Grant is available to eligible child nutrition programs, including Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) participants. These organizations can apply and get awarded these federal grants! For school districts, this means more local foods in schools, which can lead to healthier meals, decreased food costs, and increased access to fresh food. Funding for USDA’s Farm to School Grant is available to CACFP Operators! This includes both school districts and non-profit child nutrition programs. 

2. **Eligible Projects**: This grant can be used to improve local food access and purchase practices, strengthening local economies through increased purchasing power. Funds may be used to support efforts to enhance the operating flexibility of CACFP programs, to increase the capacity of local food producers and distributors, and to improve the ability of local food systems to supply quality, affordable food. These funds can be used to improve farm-to-table connections, and to enhance the quality of meals served through school meal programs.

3. **Grant Amounts**: Funding opportunities range from $5,000 to $50,000.

4. **Application Process**: The deadline to apply is December 7, 2022.

5. **Application Materials**: Applications will be available at FNS.FNS.usda.gov.

6. **Contact Information**: To learn more, contact the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Farm to School Program at (512) 463-8216 or via email at farmtoschool@tda.state.tx.us.

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