

# New Hampshire

Department of Agriculture,  
Markets, and Food

Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

July 23, 2025

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord New Hampshire 03301

### REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, Division of Agricultural Development to **retroactively** amend #FIS 24-403, approved by the Fiscal Committee of the General Court on November 15, 2024 and item #35, approved by the Governor and Executive Council on November 13, 2024 by extending the current end date from June 30, 2025 to October 31, 2025 to accept and expend Local Food for Schools Cooperative Grant Program funds from United States of Agriculture (USDA) in the amount of \$439,353 for the purpose of procuring local commodity foods for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval. The Fiscal Committee approved the original request on January 26, 2023, #FIS 23-006 and approved by the Governor and Executive Council on February 8, 2023, item #68. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funds will be budgeted for FY 2026 as follows:

02-018-018-180010-32850000, Local Food For Schools		FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2026
CLASS/OBJECT	CLASS TITLE	CURRENT MODIFIED BUDGET	BUDGET REQUEST	REVISED BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>				
000-400338-16	Federal Funds	\$ 0	\$ 439,353	\$ 439,353
<b>Total Funding</b>		\$ 0	\$ 439,353	\$ 439,353
<b>Expense</b>				
072-502636	Fruits & Vegetables – School Lunch Prog.	\$ 0	\$ 439,353	\$ 439,353
<b>Total Expense</b>		\$ 0	\$ 439,353	\$ 439,353

### EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because the beginning date of July 1, 2025, associated with this request is in a new biennium. It is the policy of the Fiscal Committee of the General Court to act only on items within the current biennium, and this is the first Fiscal Committee meeting in the new biennium.

**Local Food for Schools Cooperative Grant Program (LFS) - \$558,989** was awarded to strengthen the food system for schools by expanding local and regional markets, helping to build a resilient local food

chain. Specifically, LFS funding will be used to purchase domestic, locally grown foods from local producers and small businesses for distribution to NH schools.

The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Agricultural Development (DAMF) has collaborated with NH Farm to School (NHF2S), NH Hunger Solutions and their farm, food hub, and school district partners to provide the opportunity for schools to procure local commodity foods for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) with over 40% of their student population who qualify for free and reduced meals, indicating a high percent of poverty in the community. 44 such districts were eligible for an allotment of LFS funds. Many districts chose not to participate or did not expend their entire allocation before their contracts expired citing the administrative burdens and complex procurement structures as barriers.

NH has approximately 25,000 students eligible for free and reduced school meals who stand to benefit from this program

Funds are budgeted as follows:

Class 072 – Grants – Fruits & Vegetables – School Lunch Prog. – To assist States, through cash grants, in providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to school children.

The grant award does not allow for the audit fund set-aside or indirect costs, therefore no budget is requested for these class lines.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely

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Shawn N. Jasper  
Commissioner

Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food  
 GRANT FISCAL SITUATION FISCAL YEAR 2026  
 02-018-018-180010-32850000 Local Food For Schools

Total Federal Authorization	\$558,989
Less Expenditures thru 6/30/2025	<u>\$119,636</u>
Remaining Authorization to Budget	\$439,353
Less Current FY 26 Budget Authorization	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Available for Budgeting	\$439,353
Available to Budget at a Later Date	<u>\$0.00</u>
REQUESTED ACTION	\$439,353

<u>Grante Award Number</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Expenses to 6/30/25</u>	<u>Balance</u>
AM23CPLFS000C007	\$558,989	\$119,636	\$439,353

New Hampshire  
Department of Agriculture,  
Markets & Food

Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

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October 24, 2024

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, Division of Agricultural Development to amend Fiscal Item # FIS 23-206, approved by the Fiscal Committee of the General Court on August 11, 2023 and item #52, approved by the Governor and Executive Council on August 23, 2023 by extending the current end date from December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to accept and expend Local Food for Schools Cooperative Grant Program funds from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) with no change to the amount of \$558,989, for the purpose of procuring local commodity foods for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval. Fiscal Committee approved the original request on January 27, 2023 item #FIS 23-006 and approved by the Governor and Executive Council on February 8, 2023 item #68. **100% Federal Funds.**

**EXPLANATION**

The Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food, Division of Agricultural Development (DAMF) will continue to collaborate with NH Farm to School (NHF2S), NH Hunger Solutions and their farm, food hub, and school district partners to procure local commodity foods for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) with over 40% of their student population who qualify for free and reduced meals, indicating a high percent of poverty in the community. 44 such districts have been identified in the state to be eligible for an allotment of LFS funds. NH has 25,296 students eligible for free and reduced school meals who stand to benefit from this program in addition to 300 small farms who are expected to participate through NH's food hub network.

Originally, this program was designed as an allotment in the form of a credit with a local food hub or small farm. However, once the program was operational, it became evident that school districts working directly with suppliers including food hubs and small farms and seeking reimbursement directly from DAMF would be more effective. DAMF shifted to contracting directly with the school districts. Of the awarded \$558,989, \$111,308 was expended at the end of the reporting period ending June 30, 2024.

On September 6, 2024, DAMF was granted an additional 1-year extension from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow for full expenditure of the grant funds. If approved, the remaining \$447,680.70 will be used in the same manner as prior expenditures for reimbursement to school districts for qualifying purchases during the 2024-2025 school year.

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Shawn N. Jasper  
Commissioner



## NOTICE OF AWARD

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

September 06, 2024

Agricultural  
Marketing  
Services

ATTN: Joshua Marshall, Director, Agricultural Development  
CONCORD, NH

Local Food for  
Schools

SUBJECT: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Notice of Award (NOA) for  
Agreement No. AM23CPLFS000C007

1400  
Independence  
Ave, SW  
Room 4543-S  
Stop 0264  
Washington, DC  
20250-0264

CFDA#: 10.185

Project Director: Joshua Marshall

Project Title: Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative

Period of Performance: November 1, 2022-October 31, 2025

AMS Award Amount: \$558,989.00

Matching Funds Amount: \$0.00

Dear Joshua Marshall:

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) hereby awards a grant to AGRICULTURE MARKETS & FOOD NEW HAMPSHIRE in support of the above referenced program. This Award is pursuant to (CFDA# 10.185, Local Food for Schools) and is subject to:

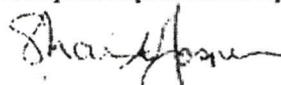
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2. Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions ([https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021\\_GD\\_TermsandConditions.pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf))

Acceptance of this award requires an authorized AGRICULTURE MARKETS & FOOD NEW HAMPSHIRE representative to sign and date the Grant Award and submit to Elizabeth LOBER at [elizabeth.lober@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.lober@usda.gov).

If you have any questions about this NOA, please contact the Federal Agency Project Manager listed in Box 13 of the attached Grant Agreement.

Sincerely,  
Erin Morris  
USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service

**Grant Agreement Face Sheet**

1. Accounting Code: 9000025714		2. Vendor I.D. (EIN):		3. UEI Number / DUNS Number: VIKTLTHPAXD6 / 176836583	
4. Agreement Number: AM23CPLFS000C007		5. Type of Instrument: Grant Agreement		6. CFDA Number: 10.185	
7. Title of Agreement: Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative					
8. Objective: To increase purchasing of local and regional foods for distribution to schools.					
9. Statement of Work: This agreement shall be carried out by the organizational units or officials of the Federal Agency and the Recipient in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.					
10. Legal Authority: The Local Food for Schools Program (LFS) is authorized by section 5(c) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714c).					
11. Federal Agency (Name and Address): Local Food for Schools			12. Recipient: AGRICULTURE MARKETS & FOOD NEW HAMPSHIRE 25 CAPITOL ST CONCORD, NH 03301-6312		
13. Federal Agency Project Manager: NICOLAI SOLOMON, Marketing Specialist Telephone: Email: Nicolai.Solomon@usda.gov			14. Recipient Project Coordinator: Joshua Marshall, Director, Agricultural Development Telephone: (603) 271-3688 Email: joshua.k.marshall@agr.nh.gov		
15. Period of Performance: November 01, 2022 through October 31, 2025		16. Federal Agency Funding Amount: \$558,989.00		Non-Federal Matching Amount: \$0.00	
<b>PROVISIONS</b>					
This Agreement incorporates the following:  1. Approved application and budget including any mutually agreed upon budget revisions and other changes and amendments thereto. 2. Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions (October 2021) available at <a href="https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf">https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf</a> . 3. 2 CFR Part 200, 2 CFR Part 400					
17. Federal Agency Representative Approval:  Deputy Administrator Agricultural Marketing Service			18. Recipient Representative Approval: Name: SHAWN A. JASPER  Title: Commissioner		
19. Federal Agency Representative Approval Signature:      Date:  JACK TUCKWILLER      Digitally signed by JACK TUCKWILLER Date: 2024.09.08 16:29:57 -04'00'			20. Recipient Representative Approval Signature:      Date:   9/19/24		

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- 1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;*
- 2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or 3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*

**Budget Details Table**

	Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Gross Total By Line
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fringe Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contractual	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	558,989.00	0.00	558,989.00
<b>Total Direct Cost</b>	<b>558,989.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>558,989.00</b>
Cooperator Indirect Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>558,989.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>558,989.00</b>



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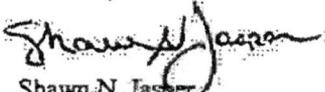
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July 20, 2023

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Local Food for  
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Stop 0264  
Washington, DC  
20250-0264

ATTN: Joshua Marshall, Director, Agricultural Development  
CONCORD, NH

SUBJECT: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Notice of Award (NOA) for  
Agreement No. AM23CPLFS000C007

CFDA# 10.185

Project Director: Joshua Marshall

Project Title: Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative

Period of Performance: November 1, 2022-October 31, 2024

AMS Award Amount: \$558,989.00

Matching Funds Amount: \$0.00

Dear Joshua Marshall:

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) hereby awards a grant to AGRICULTURE MARKETS & FOOD NEW HAMPSHIRE in support of the above referenced program. This Award is pursuant to (CFDA# 10.185, Local Food for Schools) and is subject to:

1. Your organization's application package, including the SF-424, SF-424B, Application/Project Narrative, Budget Summary/Narrative, other supporting letters and documents, as applicable, match verification, as applicable, AD-3030, Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants, as applicable, and AD-3031, Assurance Regarding Felony Conviction or Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants, as applicable.
2. Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions ([https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021\\_GD\\_TermsandConditions.pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf))

Acceptance of this award requires an authorized AGRICULTURE MARKETS & FOOD NEW HAMPSHIRE representative to sign and date the Grant Award and submit to Elizabeth LOBER at [elizabeth.lober@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.lober@usda.gov).

If you have any questions about this NOA, please contact the Federal Agency Project Manager listed in Box 13 of the attached Grant Agreement.

**Grant Agreement Face Sheet**

<b>1. Accounting Code:</b> 9000025714	<b>2. Vendor ID: (EIN):</b>	<b>3. UEI Number / DUNS Number:</b> VIKTLTHPAXD6 / 176836583
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**New Hampshire**  
 Department of Agriculture,  
 Markets & Food

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Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner

December 8, 2022

The Honorable Ken Webster, Chairman  
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**EXPLANATION**

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Department of  
Agriculture

November 04, 2022

Agricultural  
Marketing  
Services

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CONCORD, NH

Local Food for  
Schools

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Matching Funds Amount: \$0.00

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**Grant Agreement Face Sheet**

<b>1. Accounting Code:</b> 9000025714			<b>2. Vendor I.D. (EIN):</b>			<b>3. UFI Number / DUNS Number:</b> V1K1LFRPAXD6 / 176836583		
<b>4. Agreement Number:</b> AM23CPLFS000G007			<b>5. Type of Instrument:</b> Grant Agreement			<b>6. CRDA Number:</b> 10.185		
<b>7. Title of Agreement:</b> Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative								
<b>8. Objective:</b> To increase purchasing of local and regional foods for distribution to schools.								
<b>9. Statement of Work:</b> This agreement shall be carried out by the organizational units or officials of the Federal Agency and the Recipient in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in the Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions attached hereto and made a part of this agreement.								
<b>10. Legal Authority:</b> The Local Food for Schools Program (LFS) is authorized by section 5(c) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714c (c)).								
<b>11. Federal Agency (Name and Address):</b> Local Food for Schools				<b>12. Recipient:</b> STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE - DEPARTMENT OF A BUREAU OF MARKETS 25 CAPITOL ST FL 2 CONCORD, NH 03301-6312				
<b>13. Federal Agency Project Manager:</b> ANA MIOJEVIC, Program Manager Telephone: Email: Ana.Miojevic@usda.gov				<b>14. Recipient Project Coordinator:</b> Joshua Marshall, Director, Agricultural Development Telephone: (603) 271-3688 Email: joshua.k.marshall@agr.nh.gov				
<b>15. Period of Performance:</b> November 01, 2022 through October 31, 2023				<b>16. Federal Agency Funding Amount:</b> \$558,989.00		<b>Non-Federal Matching Amount:</b> \$0.00		
<b>PROVISIONS</b>								
This Agreement incorporates the following: 1. Approved application and budget including any mutually agreed upon budget revisions and other changes and amendments thereto, 2. Agricultural Marketing Service Grants Division General Award Terms and Conditions (October 2021) available at <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf">http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FY2021_GD_TermsandConditions.pdf</a> , 3. 2-CFR Part 200; 2 CFR Part 400								
<b>17. Federal Agency Representative Approval:</b> Erin Morris Deputy Administrator Agricultural Marketing Service				<b>18. Recipient Representative Approval:</b> Name: Shawn Jasper  Title: Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets & Food				
<b>19. Federal Agency Representative Approval Signature: Date:</b>  Erin Morris  11/02/2022				<b>20. Recipient Representative Approval Signature: Date:</b>  Shawn Jasper  11/04/2022				

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**Budget Details Table**

	Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Gross Total By Line
Personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fringe Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contractual	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	558,989.00	0.00	558,989.00
Total Direct Cost	558,989.00	0.00	558,989.00
Cooperator Indirect Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Total	558,989.00	0.00	558,989.00