

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Clark County Public Health (CCPH) CCPH SR2015-1529

SUBMISSION DATE: May 4, 2015

REQUESTED ACTION: County Manager approval to apply for a Farm to School "Support Services" grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and authorization for the Public Health Director to sign the resulting contract and any amendments. If awarded, CCPH will receive \$100,000 in funding for a two-year period.

SR Number:

YES	NO	ACTION
		County Manager review and approval
X		Referral to BOCC
		Hearing required
5/12/2015		Proposed hearing date if referred to BOCC

BACKGROUND

Consistent with Strategic Initiatives 2 and 3, and as part of our key focus on influencing the conditions that promote good health for everyone through community partnerships, CCPH is working with local schools to support Farm to School opportunities. Connecting farms and schools is a recognized best practice that positively influences economics to nutrition. Farm to School programs provide food system education to students and connect local farmers to school meal programs. This grant funding would support comprehensive public health strategies aimed at improving the food environment by increasing access to fruits and vegetables in school meal programs across our county.

Farm to School is the practice of sourcing local foods for school nutrition programs and providing nutrition education focusing on agriculture and health while improving access to healthy foods and supporting regional farms. This grant will assist Vancouver School District to source local foods, track local purchases, support culinary trainings for school nutrition staff, and provide food system education to students attending targeted schools to encourage the consumption of fruits and vegetables. Food system education activities would be conducted in partnership with Washington State Extension and would include farm field trips, taste tests, and farmer-in-the-classroom activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A



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PREVIOUS REVIEWS AND ACTIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In the fall of 2013, Clark County Food System Council members interviewed the directors of nutrition services at local school districts to learn more about their programs and local purchasing practices. Clark County school meal programs serve delicious, nutrient-rich foods, but lack the resources to implement a fully developed Farm to School strategy. Clark County Food System Council members strongly advocate Farm to School programs because of the potential for school meal programs to favorably affect the local agricultural economy, the food system and the health of children in our community. The food service directors at Vancouver School District are enthusiastic about collaborating with Public Health on increasing Farm to School opportunities for their students. Washington State Extension is committed to partnering with Public Health to coordinate farm field trips to the 78th Street Heritage Farm for 3rd and 4th grade students at participating schools in Vancouver School District.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
X		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

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SUBMITTED BY:



Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH
Public Health Director/Health Officer

DATE:

5/4/15

ATTACHMENTS

Staff Report SR2015-1529

APPROVAL
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Approved:  _____
Clark County Washington,
Board of County Councilors

DATE: 5/12/15

SR# 086-15

COUNTY MANAGER ACTION\RECOMMENDATION

By: Mark McCauley
Date:
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COUNTY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Action	Conditions	Referral to council?
<i>Approval\denial</i>	<i>Enter conditions or requests here</i>	<i>Yes\No</i>

Mark McCauley, County Manager

Date

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BUDGET IMPACT ATTACHMENT

Part 1: Narrative

This funding will support technical assistance by 0.225 FTE Health Specialist, oversight of 0.03 FTE of a Program Manager II, and 0.02 FTE of an epidemiologist to assist in setting up tracking mechanism. Clark County Public Health will contract with WSU Extension to provide farm tours and classroom education. This will not require the addition of new permanent staff.

Part 2: Budget Impact

Include full position costs, including salaries and benefits.

Expenditure:

Fund	Dept	Obj	Expense change Year 1	Expense change Year 2	Expense change Year 3	Expense change Year 4	Expense change Year 5	Expense change Year 6	One time or ongoing
1025	705	1xx		16,151	16,151				Existing
1025	705	2xx		4,931	4,931				Existing
1025	705	3xx		3,850	3,850				One Time
1025	705	4xx		14,100	14,100				One Time
Billable Indirects				10,968	10,968				
Total				50,000	50,000				

Revenue

Fund	Dept	Obj	Revenue change Year 1	Revenue change Year 2	Revenue change Year 3	Revenue change Year 4	Revenue change Year 5	Revenue change Year 6	One time or ongoing
1025	705			50,000	50,000				One Time
Total				50,000	50,000				

Part 3: FTE Profile Over Time

# FTE	Type*	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0.275	Operating		existing budgeted positions				

*operating, revenue, project, temporary