How to Fund Farm to School Programs

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Lots of options…

- Funding within existing structure
- Grants, donations, and sponsorships
- Partners
- Fun, healthy, and interactive fundraising

Look within

- Field trip or experiential learning funding
- Working within cafeteria budget
  - Strategize your USDA Foods and other purchases
  - FF&V Snack Program
  - Buy in season
- Other existing funding opportunities
- Be Creative

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Grants & Sponsors

- Look for local, state & national grant opportunities
- Great resources
  - National Farm to School Network
    http://www.farmtoschool.org/fundingopps.php
  - USDA Farm to School
    http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/f2s-grants.htm
  - Kids Gardening
    http://grants.kidsgardening.org/

Interactive School Fundraising

- Plant or flower sale
- Farm Tour
- Harvest meals
- Local food sales
  - Harvest Montana

Harvest Montana Fundraiser

Timeline

- **2008:** Developed & Piloted in 2 schools
- **2009–now:** Bozeman area organized by GVF2S
- **2010:** How-to Guide & Resources released
- **2011**: Madison-Jefferson 4-H Program Pilot

Harvest Montana Fundraiser

Gallatin Valley Farm to School

- Fall 2010
- 7 schools, Bozeman
- 50% Vendors, 40% Schools, 10% GVF2S
- 17 products, $5 to $50
- Total sales: $59,496

Swing your partner!

- Parent organization (PTA, PTO, PAC…)
- County Extension & 4-H
- Gardening Clubs
- Farmers Bureau
- Local organizations
- Colleges & Universities

Which to chose?

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Partners

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For more information

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