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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL HNU PROGRAMS
FROM: OEC / HNU
DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2023
SUBJECT: FARM TO SCHOOL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

**FARM TO SCHOOL
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
GRANT PROGRAM**

Schools can apply for a \$5000 grant to expand their school kitchen capacity to process and serve more fresh fruits and vegetables to students through their lunch line and other school feeding programs.

Applications accepted through December 8, 2023.

ARKANSAS FarmtoSchool

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture has a kitchen equipment grant available for programs participating in Farm to School. Public and Private K-12 schools, early childhood education facilities, and alternative learning environments can apply for a \$5,000 grant to expand their school kitchen capacity. This grant will increase school nutrition staff's capacity to process and serve specialty crops by providing resources to purchase equipment, improving school meal quality, and increasing students' consumption of and preference for specialty crops.

To apply, visit the Arkansas Farm to School website: [click here](#). Applications are accepted through December 8th, 2023.

If you have questions/concerns, contact the Arkansas Farm to School Program or the Health and Nutrition Outreach Team.

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