



VALUES-BASED SCHOOL MEAL INCENTIVE FUND

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COMMUNITY HEALTH & NUTRITION • ANIMAL WELFARE • EQUITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, & TRANSPARENCY

School food purchasing bolstered by a values-based incentive fund has the power to spur progress across USDA-aligned goals including environmental sustainability, rural development, supporting socially disadvantaged farmers and producers, and strengthening local supply chains.

Cost is a primary barrier to achieving these goals.

FUNDING SUMMARY

- \$0.15** Incentive per \$1.38 meal
- \$215M** Incentive cost (3 years)
- 13%** Increase in values-based purchases
- 120%** Estimated return on investment

PROPOSAL

A competitive pilot to serve as a proof point in the field and support USDA-aligned goals related to five core Good Food values through strategic purchasing

DETAILS

Three-year grant opportunity for 25 school districts, providing incentive funding, technical assistance to support supply chain coordination, and evaluation

OUTCOMES

- Increased equitable food sourcing
- Accelerated market viability for regenerative agriculture
- Strengthened local purchasing network to support socially disadvantaged farmers
- Evaluation of broad-based health outcomes and project changes in long-term health costs

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IMPACT

- Estimated \$15.5 million from **reduced CO2 emissions**,
- \$5 million from **reduced water usage**,
- Nearly \$65 million from increased wages due to **local jobs**.

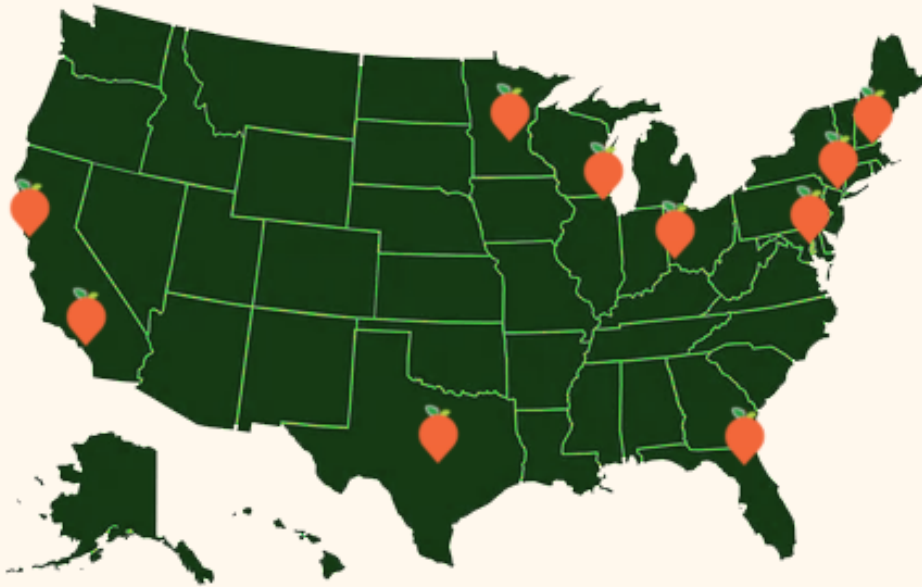
The Incentive Fund can increase values-based food purchasing by nearly 13% at 25 districts currently spending \$555M a year on food, impacting more than 2.86 million students through 478 million meals served annually.



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VALUES-BASED SCHOOL MEAL INCENTIVE FUND ENDORSEMENTS



ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

29,845 students • 5.33M meals served annually • 72% free/reduced-price meal eligible

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

74,871 students • 9.69M meals served annually • 53% free/reduced-price meal eligible

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

80,592 students • 15M meals served annually • 100% free/reduced-price meal eligible

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

55,594 students • 8.09M meals served annually • 78% free/reduced-price meal eligible

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

371,382 students • 75M meals served annually • 83% free/reduced-price meal eligible

CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

36,000 students • 5.64M meals served annually • 46% free/reduced-price meal eligible

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

640,000 students • 137.56M meals served annually • 79% free/reduced-price meal eligible

MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

35,402 students • 6.60M meals served annually • 62% free/reduced-price meal eligible

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1,083,741 students • 165.28M meals served annually • 74% free/reduced-price meal eligible

SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

54,063 students • 6.94M meals served annually • 53% free/reduced-price meal eligible

FORMALLY SECURED AS OF 03/2024 - MORE PENDING