

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Kodiak Water & Soil Conservation District****Federal Tax ID: 92-0161947****Project Title:****Project Type: Planning and Research**

# Kodiak Water & Soil Conservation District - Kodiak Farm to School Project

**State Funding Requested: \$15,000****House District: 36 / R**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Kodiak Farm to School is a community-based effort to connect schools, the community and local farms with the goal of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities, and supporting local farmers. Funding is requested for research, planning, and acquisition of building materials for the project.

**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$94,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$15,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$79,000

*Funding Details:*

The total project cost covers two years. Year one being the research, planning and development phase and year two being the first year of full program implementation.

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:****Project Background and Justification**

Kodiak Farm to School is part of a growing, nationwide trend to provide healthy locally produced foods in school lunch programs. Farm to School is one strategy at the center of a national drive toward improving the nutritional value of school food and supporting local agriculture. The project is leveraging off the success and community support of the Fish to School program implemented in 2010. Fish to School was launched after the results of a Kodiak Community Health Assessment conducted by Applied Survey Research for Providence Kodiak Island Medical Center were released. The results of the needs assessment served as a catalyst for members of the community to rally together to discuss ways to meet some of the most urgent health and wellness needs identified in the survey. Research on existing farm-to-school efforts shows that students choose significantly more servings of fruits and vegetables when given the choice of high quality, farm-fresh produce. When children are well nourished, they learn better. Students have also been shown to benefit from interdisciplinary community-based education, which positively influences student achievement, while also improving teamwork, individual communication skills, exposure to career opportunities, and the ability to apply knowledge to real-world learning opportunities in their local communities.

**Project Description**

Kodiak Farm to School is a school-based gardening project demonstrating ecological concepts, environmentally-friendly

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**\$15,000  
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practices, and healthy food choices through hands-on learning opportunities for students and the community. The Kodiak Farm to School project is in the planning and development stages. The Farm to School project will focus on the schools purchasing of food (usually fresh fruits and vegetables) from local farmers. The project will include comprehensive educational opportunities such as nutrition lessons coordinated with the fresh produce being served for lunch, the inclusion of Ag-in-the-Classroom curriculum, school gardens, food tastings and cooking classes, indoor learning labs, and farm/farmers market visits, all of which get students excited about healthy food and understanding where their food comes from.

Over the next year, the partners will research and plan the project. Requested funding would support 1) identify and secure commitments from key project partners 2) determine site of school garden/greenhouse, 3) research feasibility of implementing proposed projects, 4) secure materials and equipment for raised beds, 5) prepare school garden site and construct garden.

#### Project Goals and Objectives

The goals Kodiak Farm to School Project are to:

- Create a publicly accessible school garden
- Introduce local, sustainably produced food onto school menus
- Offer tasting tables of local foods
- Distribute easy-to-use information on nutrition, food, and agriculture
- Present grade-appropriate, standards-based classes on Farm to School
- Offer field trips to school garden site and/or local farms
- Encourage locally produced food and community involvement

#### Project Partners

Initial project partners include Kodiak Soil & Water Conservation District, Healthy Tomorrows, Kodiak Island School District, and Kodiak FFA Chapter. The new Alaska Farm to School Coordinator out of the Alaska Department of Agriculture has also been supportive of the Kodiak Farm to School program.

#### Project Timeline:

The planning and research will be conducted over the spring and summer of 2011.

#### Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

## Kodiak Farm to School Project

### Kodiak Soil & Water Conservation District

#### Project Timeline & Expenditures

The Kodiak Farm to School program is in the planning and researching stage of development. Over the next 6 to 12 months, the project partners will continue to meet and develop the project. Funding from the Legislative Capital Project Request would support 1) identify and secure commitments from key project partners such as local farmers, school administrators and others, 2) determine site of school garden/greenhouse, 3) research feasibility of implementing proposed project components , 4) secure materials and equipment for raised beds, 5) prepare school garden site and construct garden. The planning and research will be conducted over the spring and summer of 2011 with the site preparation and construction of raised beds occurring in the summer of 2011.

#### Budget Summary

	Project Budget (2 yr)	Legislative Request
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Labor (project design & construction)	\$3,000	\$8,340
Labor (ongoing program implementation)	\$56,240	
Direct Expenses		
Landscape professional	\$400	\$400
Lumber & materials	\$100	\$1,500
Supplies (tools, gloves, etc.)	\$150	\$1,000
Top soil	\$200	\$1,000
Seeds	\$150	\$400
Educational Materials	\$2,500	
Postage/Printing	\$600	
Office Supplies	\$1,150	
Travel	\$800	
Refreshments (volunteers)	\$250	
Transportation (field trips)	\$3,500	
Project Promotion	\$1,700	\$500
Misc. Supplies	\$1,300	\$500
<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>\$5,300</b>
<b>Total Direct &amp; Labor</b>	<b>\$72,040</b>	<b>\$13,640</b>
Project Overhead	\$7,187	\$1,364
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$94,231</b>	<b>\$15,004</b>