



## Consultation Services

National Farm to School Network’s (NFSN) mission is to increase access to local food and nutrition education in order to improve children’s health, strengthen family farms, and cultivate vibrant communities. To support more communities in engaging in this important work, we are pleased to offer consultation services to strengthen your organization’s capacity for farm to school activities and to enrich your programs and events.

### Content Consultation

National Farm to School Network is available to provide customized content consultation services tailored to your needs. Whether you are seeking trainings or technical assistance in the areas listed below or on related topics, we are available to support your efforts on a consultation basis.

To learn more, complete our online form at:  
[www.farmtoschool.org/consultation](http://www.farmtoschool.org/consultation)

### Speaking at Your Event

Are you hosting a conference or event? National Farm to School Network staff are frequent keynote and plenary speakers, and we welcome the opportunity to share our expertise, experience, passion, and inspiration with your audience by speaking at your event. We are also available to lead workshops and trainings on a variety of topics, including those listed below.

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Getting Started With  
Farm to School

Farm to Early Care  
and Education (ECE)

State Network Building &  
Strategic Planning

Policy & Advocacy  
(State & Local)

Evaluation

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## Consultation Services for the USDA Farm to School Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farm to School Grant Program awards grants to support efforts that improve access to local foods in schools. The grant categories and award amounts vary from year to year based on the Request for Applications (RFA). Generally, these grants can be used for planning, implementation, growth, sustainability, and capacity building of farm to school and farm to ECE activities at your site or in your state.

NFSN advocated for the establishment of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program and is committed to ensuring this funding reaches the communities that need it most. Learn about our consultation services for the USDA Farm to School Grant Program on the next page.

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**Option 1: Consultation Services During the Application Process**

*NFSN offers the services listed below during the USDA Farm to School Grant Program application process.*

<b>Thought Partnership:</b> NFSN will provide 5 hours of consultation services, including facilitating 3 hours of one-on-one consultation calls and preparing for and following up from those calls. Consultation calls will focus on one key application challenge or question identified in advance by your organization and agreed to by NFSN.	\$518
<b>Planning and Preparing the Grant Application:</b> NFSN will review your application draft, with special attention paid to key areas identified in the RFA for application scoring. NFSN will provide high level written feedback and a 2-hour consultation call to address your questions on the written feedback and strategize about ways to strengthen the application.	\$1,438
<b>Evaluation:</b> NFSN will prepare a draft evaluation plan, identify measurable outcomes and indicators, and recommend tools and resources. <i>Add-on services are available to prepare a logic model; if you choose to include this add-on service, the total cost for the package will be \$2,301.</i>	\$1,093
Additional, customized support is available at an hourly rate of \$115.	

*Please note: NFSN’s Option 1 consultation services do not include writing the grant application. Consultation fees are due when services are rendered and are not contingent upon grant award.*

**Option 2: Consultation Services During Grant Implementation**

*NFSN offers services to grantees of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program for grant implementation activities. These services can be written into your application budget and paid from your grant funding if you are awarded a grant; you would only receive and pay for the services if you are awarded a grant.*

<b>Basic Evaluation:</b> NFSN will prepare a finalized evaluation plan, identify measurable outcomes and indicators, and recommend tools and resources. <i>Add-on services are available to prepare a logic model; if you choose to include this add-on service, the total cost for the package will be \$3,451.</i>	\$2,243	<b>Action Plan:</b> As you draft your action plan, NFSN will provide guidance through 2 hours of consultation calls. Once your draft is finished, NFSN will review, provide high-level written feedback, and 2-hour consultation call to address your questions and strategize about ways to strengthen the action plan.	\$1,898
<b>Advanced Evaluation:</b> NFSN will review and provide feedback on your existing evaluation plan, logic model, outcomes, indicators, and metrics, and NFSN will develop a plan for incorporating surveys and tools. After your organization collects data, NFSN will assess the data and develop reports.	\$2,933	<b>Basic Virtual Coaching:</b> NFSN will facilitate 6 hours of one-on-one virtual coaching to support your grant implementation activities over the course of the grant period. NFSN will also spend time preparing for and following up from these sessions. These sessions will be focused on topics identified in advance by your organization and agreed to by NFSN.	\$1,495
<b>Needs and Readiness Assessment:</b> NFSN will interview key stakeholders and develop a farm to school needs and readiness assessment containing recommendations.	\$2,473	<b>Advanced Virtual Consulting:</b> NFSN will facilitate a total of 36 hours of one-on-one virtual coaching sessions over 12 months (3 hours per month) to support your grant implementation activities. NFSN will spend time preparing for and following up from these sessions. These sessions will be focused on topics identified in advance by your organization and agreed to by NFSN.	\$7,188
Additional, customized support is available at an hourly rate of \$115.			

*Please note: Option 2 consultation fees will **only** be due if you are awarded a grant from the USDA Farm to School Grant Program; if you are not awarded a grant, services will not be provided and fees will not be due.*