



## FARMS OF AMADOR School Garden Seed Program Grants

### Who are we?

Farms of Amador (FOA) is a non-profit networking and educational organization located in Amador County, California. We support agricultural education programs for local youth, and we work to increase awareness of our county's many agricultural products through farms tours and hands on agricultural experiences.

### What is the Farms of Amador School Garden Seed Program?

The Farms of Amador will provide annual support, in the form of monetary grants (up to \$500 per school year) to individual Amador County public schools and preschool programs.

Funding is designed to help create and to sustain school vegetable, fruit, and pollinator gardens. Funding may be used for seeds, irrigation, soil, plants, trees, berries, planters, etc. (Note: we encourage the use of native plants in pollinator gardens.)

Our support does not include labor but, when requested, we are happy to attempt to match your school garden program with a community mentor.

### Application Process

To apply for this year's Farms of Amador School Garden Seed Program Grant please complete the application below and return it via email to: [info@farmsofamador.com](mailto:info@farmsofamador.com) and cc: to [andreaajmemail@gmail.com](mailto:andreaajmemail@gmail.com) with the subject line: SCHOOL NAME FOA Grant.

### Timelines and Deadlines

Applications are **due May 31st**. Decisions will be made in June and July, and schools will receive funding by mid-August.

Schools will buy their own supplies once granted funds.

All projects must be at least 80% completed within 12 months. During that time, we ask that you provide an update every 4 months including photographs and progress details. FOA will share these via social media and other sources.

**Please contact us with any questions: [info@farmsofamador.com](mailto:info@farmsofamador.com)**

## FARMS OF AMADOR SCHOOL GARDEN SEED PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

School Name:	
Program Contact Name: Person responsible for implementation and progress reports:	
School Principal:	
Contact Phone:	Principal Phone:
Contact Email:	Principal Email:
School Address:	
School City, State, Zip:	
Grades Your Program Will Serve:	

<p>1. Describe your garden needs and plans. Is this an existing garden space? Attach diagrams, photos, and additional documents if applicable.</p>
<p>2. How much money are you requesting and how, specifically will you use the funds? Estimate your expenses and list your potential suppliers. We strongly encourage you to purchase supplies locally, with smaller vendors, and can provide you with recommendations if needed.</p>

3. Student participation is a key element of this program. Please describe the educational components associated with your plans. How will students participate, and what are the expected learning outcomes?

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4. Do you have other sources of funding/support for this project? If so, please list other funding.

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5. Will you need mentorship with this project? If yes, what would need assistance with? We may be able to organize community outreach to help.

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Farms of Amador would like to place a sign in your garden to promote this project. Would that be okay: \_\_\_\_\_

Farms of Amador Board of Directors may also like to visit the gardens during and after progress. Would that be okay?

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All deadline dates are contingent on the schools being open and the garden sites being accessible by staff and children. Payments may need to go to the district and then be forwarded to each individual school.

**Please return this application and supporting materials to [info@farmsofamador.com](mailto:info@farmsofamador.com)**

**by May 31<sup>st</sup>**