



MEMORANDUM

To: School Food Authorities

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Re: Farm to School and School Garden Expenses

State Agency Memo

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This memorandum provides guidance around the use of funds from the nonprofit school food service account to cover expenditures related to farm to school activities and school gardens.

School gardens and farm to school activities have been shown to have a positive impact on food service operations, such as increasing fruit and vegetable consumption, increasing school meal participation and improving attitudes towards fruits and vegetables. Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) encourages such programs but only if they are financially sound for the nonprofit food service account.

Attached are questions and answers addressing specific scenarios that school food authorities (SFAs) may be dealing with when considering the allowability of such costs.

Should you have any questions, please contact your designated Program Specialist.