

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFMM) 2020 Farm to School Coronavirus Relief Grants

OVERVIEW

The Vermont COVID-19 Agriculture Assistance Program (VCAAP) Farm to School relief grant was funded by a \$100,000 allocation from the passage of Act 154 (H.969). The program reimbursed schools and registered or licensed child care providers for equipment and supply purchases that were necessitated by the COVID-19 global health pandemic and helped support farm to school program goals.

GRANT OUTCOMES

Funding supported a variety of critical projects that helped schools and early childcare centers continue their farm to school work while providing safe learning environments for students. See below for a recap of how these funds were distributed and how they will be utilized.

Applications Submitted	Applications Awarded	# of Counties Represented	Total Funds Requested	Total Funds Awarded	Average Award Amt.
27	22	8	\$118,352	\$100,000	\$4,500

EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS

- **\$10,000** for an outdoor classroom structure at the Montessori School of Central Vermont
- **\$2,056** for a fire ring and five campfire cooksites at Vermont Academy to facilitate outdoor learning
- **\$7,516** for a freezer and refrigerator at Mountain Village School to provide homemade snacks
- **\$2,153** for picnic tables, compost bins, and a raised bed garden kit at Almond Blossoms Schoolhouse
- **\$1,574** for two outdoor sinks at Maple Run Unified School District so students can eat outside
- and many more!

"You have no idea how wonderful this is! Such a wonderful opportunity for the kids and myself. I'm crying happy tears right now!"

-Karen Mugford, Childcare Provider, Randolph