

Evaluating Farm to School Funding Opportunities

Description: This workshop, co-hosted by [UC Cooperative Extension Placer-Nevada](#) and [Sierra Harvest](#), will provide information and hands-on support to foothills farmers and ranchers who are interested in applying to the CDFA's [California Farm to School Incubator Grant Program](#). Participants will learn how to evaluate funding opportunities against their business plans; gain insight from food service directors and past farmer grantees on successful farm-to-school partnerships; and leave with a draft of their application if desired. This workshop is designed for people with established farm businesses. Space is limited.

When: 6 – 8 p.m., Feb. 21, 2024

Where: Higgins Lions Community Center, 22490 E Hacienda Dr, Grass Valley, CA

Agenda:

- 6:00 p.m. *Introductions (10 mins)*
- 6:10 p.m. *Christina Lawson on partnerships between schools and small farms*
- 6:30 p.m. *Root 64 Farm on their experience as a past grantee*
- 6:50 p.m. *Break*
- 7:00 p.m. *Amanda Hixson on evaluating grant fit, RFA scoring (15 mins)*
Dan Macon on capital investments in farm operations (15 mins)
- 7:30 p.m. *Andrew Justus-Fritz shares grant writing advice (15 minutes)*
Kimberly Parker on what reviewers are looking for (15 minutes)
- 8:00 p.m. *100 words share-out, evaluations (10 mins)*

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