



# Look at Agriculture...Organically!

## Grants to USA K-8 Teachers for Agricultural Classroom Projects

**GrantWatch ID#:** 152893

**Agency Type:** Foundation / Corporation

**Funding Source:** California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC) and California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) Foundation

**Deadline:** 08/31/20

**Conf. Date:** 00/00/00

**Description:** Grants of up to \$1,000 to USA K-8 teachers to incorporate agricultural projects into the classroom curriculum. Funding is intended for projects including, but not limited to, setting up a compost system for the classroom, planting an educational garden, and creating worm bins. Projects must follow organic production and handling standards from the National Organic Program. A significant percentage of grant funding will go to teachers in school districts with 50 percent or more students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program.

### Full Description:

#### Project Ideas:

- Have students set up and operate a compost system for the class. Have students learn how composting is a natural way to add nutrients that make healthy soil.
- Grow an organic pizza garden. Have students plant and harvest vegetables to make an organic pizza.
- Create a worm bin and raise worms with the students. Lessons around soil care and healthy soil biology.
- Compare the look, taste, and smell of organic and conventionally grown fruits and vegetables. Have students research both farming practices and record their observations in a chart or diagram.
- Build a chicken coop and study the process of raising organic livestock as it relates to biology and ecology.
- Seed saving. Bring in different types of plants (or use some from your school garden) and have students save, preserve, and later plant those same seeds.
- Choose an organic fruit or vegetable that can be picked in season and preserved for later enjoyment. Research the preservation process, and create a lesson around food preservation. Visit a local processor to see how food is preserved.
- Have students select a commodity, state the nutritional benefits, and then research the by-products that are made from that commodity. Bring the commodities in for classroom presentations. Then set up a field trip to visit a farm that grows that commodity.

**Number of Grants:** 20

**Estimated Size of Grant:** Grants of up to \$1,000 will be provided.

**Term of Contract:** Project must be completed within the 2020-2021 school year.

#### Eligibility:

- See RFP and/or Grant Guidelines for full eligibility

**Additional Eligibility Criteria:**

Educator grants are available to certified K-8 teachers nationwide.

**Pre-Application Information:** Timeline:

- Applications will be available July 20 – August 31, 2020
- Grant applications must be submitted online by August 31, 2020. No late applications will be accepted.
- Grant recipients will be announced online in September 2020.
- Selected educators will receive funding in November 2020.

**Contact Information:** Before starting your grant application, please review the funding source's website listed below for updates/changes/addendums/conferences/LOIs.

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**URL for Full Text (RFP):** <http://learnaboutag.org/grants/organic.cfm>

**Geographic Focus:**

USA: Alabama; Alaska; Arizona; Arkansas; California; Colorado; Connecticut; Delaware; Florida; Georgia; Hawaii; Idaho; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky; Louisiana; Maine; Maryland; Massachusetts; Michigan; Minnesota; Mississippi; Missouri; Montana; Nebraska; Nevada; New Hampshire; New Jersey; New Mexico; New York; North Carolina; North Dakota; Ohio; Oklahoma; Oregon; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; South Carolina; South Dakota; Tennessee; Texas; Utah; Vermont; Virginia; Washington, DC; Washington; West Virginia; Wisconsin; Wyoming;

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