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Farm-to School Request for Proposals

The Sustainable Whatcom Fund Committee of the Whatcom Community Foundation (WCF) is interested in supporting the efforts of Whatcom County Schools to purchase and serve locally produced foods. The Committee requests proposals from school districts, individual schools, PTSA's or farmers working with schools for up to \$5000.00 for financial support or capital expenditures that will allow schools to purchase and prepare more locally produced foods. Some examples of the kinds of projects that Sustainable Whatcom would like to support are:

- Assistance for pilot projects to add new items to the school lunch or snack menu (for example local fruit and vegetables, salad bar, harvest item of the month/week)
- Purchase of kitchen equipment that makes it easier to prepare fresh fruits and veggies
- Coordination and facilitation of one or more meetings to interest and involve people in launching a pilot program (could include PTSA's, staff, and/or nearby farmers)
- Special events to highlight locally produced food, for example a "harvest lunch," food tasting events, meet the farmer and eat the food they grew

Sustainable Whatcom can provide short-term financial assistance to increase staff hours for pilot projects, or assistance in developing internship arrangements. It is our hope that these programs will have the *potential* to be sustainable over the long term and we recognize that multi-year (2 – 3 year) funding may be needed to achieve this. Larger projects will be considered, please contact WCF for information about these options.

Instructions:

- On one page, please answer the questions on the Request for Support form below and provide the appropriate signatures.
- On a separate page, please provide a specific budget, listing the amount of funding you are requesting and describing how it will be used in this project.

Please submit one copy of these two pages, postmarked or emailed by the due date to:

Whatcom Community Foundation
Sustainable Whatcom Fund Committee
119 Grand Ave.
Bellingham, WA 98225



email: mauriingram@whatcomcf.org

Deadlines: November 20th, 2009
January 20th, 2009

If you have questions regarding your proposal please contact Mardi Solomon, Farm-to-School Project Consultant, at (360) 715-1676 or by email: mardis@nas.com.

**Whatcom Community Foundation Sustainable Whatcom Fund
Farm-to-School Request for Support**

Name of Applicant: _____ **Job Title:** _____

School District: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

1. Please describe your project/plan for increasing your school district's purchases/servings of locally produced food.

2. Please briefly describe your goals, hopes, or projected outcomes from this project.

Signatures of key people supporting this proposal (please print and sign):

Signature

Print Name

Job Title

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