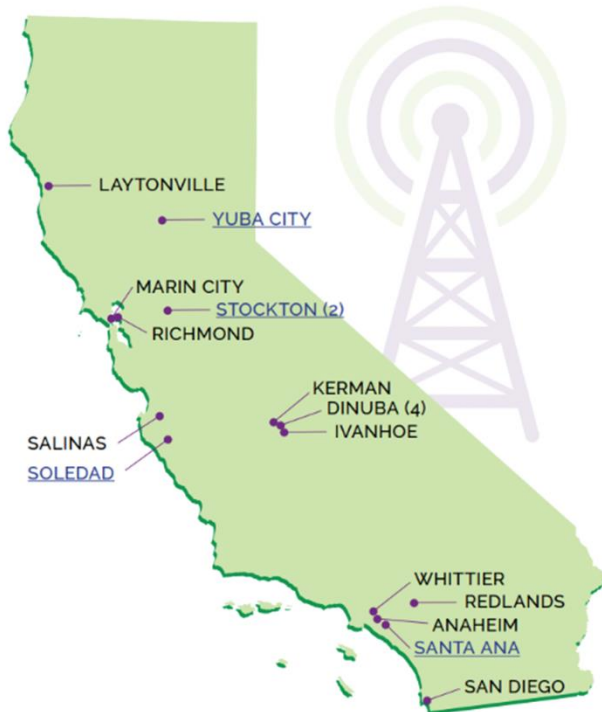


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FFY 2024 Radio Remotes



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Radio Remotes



A radio remote is a great way for LHDs to collaborate with their local radio station. It helps to amplify the message, attract traffic to community events, and create excitement with promotions. If you're interested in this opportunity, click on the Radio Remote link in the attachment to start your registration. You can also refer to the attachment for examples of some of the events from 2023.

[2024 Radio Remote Request Link](#)



Grant and Partnership Opportunities

Grant Opportunities

Green Our Planet Grant Programs

KidsGardening.org, in collaboration with Green Our Planet, is providing schools and students more access to gardens and garden-based learning through the *GardenConnect* and *HydroConnect* programs.

The *GardenConnect* program provides school support and guidance from the educators at Green Our Planet to expand school gardens in the form of STEM curriculum, lesson plans, videos, and other printable resources. Additionally, the program provides access to an online portal with other garden educators across the country and coaching support from the Green Our Planet team. Green Our Planet covers the cost of the program for up to 100 schools. [Applications](#) for the *GardenConnect* program are due on **February 7, 2024**.

The *HydroConnect* program provides schools with equipment to install a hydroponic garden system and offers support and guidance from the educators at Green Our Planet, including a commercial hydroponic system with 216 planting pods, STEM curriculum, lesson plans, videos, and other printable resources, as well as access to an online portal with other garden educators across the country and coaching support from the Green Our Planet team. Green Our Planet covers 80% of the program costs for up to 300 schools. [Applications](#) for the *HydroConnect* program are also due on **February 7, 2024**.

GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant

KidsGardening.org, in partnership with the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation, has announced the launch of the 2024 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant. A total of 170 programs will be awarded \$500 to start or improve their youth gardens or greenspaces.

Eligibility

Any nonprofit organization, school district, university, government entity, or tax-exempt organization, such as religious organizations and Tribal governments, in the United States and US Territories serving at least 15 youth is eligible to apply. Applicants must use the funds to install new or improve existing youth gardens or greenspaces. (Source: [2024 GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant](#))

To learn more about the grant, visit the [KidsGardening.org GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant webpage](#). Applications are due on **February 9, 2024**.

Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) established the Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative to improve the nutritional quality of school meals by transforming school food systems, providing technical assistance, sharing ideas, and offering a recognition and grant program.

Key activities of the Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative include School Food System Transformation Challenge Sub-Grants, Healthy Meals Summits, Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards for School Food Authorities, and Healthy Meals Incentives Grants for Small and/or Rural School Food Authorities.

To keep track of upcoming FNS grant opportunities and to learn more about the Healthy Meals program, visit the [USDA Healthy Meals Incentives Initiative webpage](#).

School Breakfast and Summer Meal Grants

The Chef Ann Foundation's Bulk Milk Program provides schools and districts with equipment and support to dispense milk using a stand and reusable cups. The program also provides dish racks, program and marketing materials and technical assistance to support implementation of the Bulk Milk Program. Districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program and that have a minimum of 100 students enrolled are eligible to apply. The application period for this year is due to re-open soon. To receive information on the upcoming application period, sign up on the [news list](#). For more information regarding the program, visit the [Bulk Milk webpage](#). 

Partnership Opportunities

2024 Budding Botanist Grant Winners

KidsGardening.org has announced the 2024 Budding Botanist Grant winners, in collaboration with the Klorane Botanical Foundation. A total of 20 programs throughout the United States were awarded \$500 "to support the development of youth gardens that help students learn about plants, explore their world, and inspire them to take care of their local ecosystems." The two following California schools were among the winners.

- Bella Mente Montessori Academy (Vista)
- Woodland Hills Academy Humanities Magnet (Woodland Hills)

Congratulations to these schools for receiving the grant to support school gardening programs! To learn more about other gardening grant and partnership opportunities, visit the [KidsGardening.org Grant Opportunities](#) webpage.

Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and Regional Food System Partnerships Program (RFSP) Recipients

The USDA has announced the 2023 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) and Regional Food System Partnerships Program (RFSP) recipients.

As noted on the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) website, the [**FMPP**](#) “funds projects that develop, coordinate and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products...” and the [**RFSP**](#) “supports partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local or regional food systems.”

The [**FMPP recipients**](#) are:

- Agricultural Institute of Marin (San Rafael) - \$ 499,987.00
- County of Riverside Office of Economic Development (Riverside) - \$180,980.00
- Fresh Approach (Concord) - \$424,917.00
- Jesus Provides Our Daily Bread (Chico) - \$250,000.00
- Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation (Ramona) - \$99,600.00
- San Luis Obispo County Community College District (San Luis Obispo) - \$207,046.50
- Sierra Kings Health Care District (Reedley) - \$114,900.00

The [**RFSP recipients**](#) are:

- Community Partners (Los Angeles) - \$850,518.00
- Emerald Cities Collaborative (Washington D.C. – California Chapter) - \$250,000.00

To learn more about USDA AMS grant recipients and partnership opportunities in California, visit the [**USDA Grants and Opportunities webpage**](#). 🧩

NEW Nibbles for Health- Nutrition Newsletters for Parents and Caregivers of Young Children

USDA's Team Nutrition released new nutrition newsletters about popular nutrition topics. Early care and education providers, especially those participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, can share these colorful and engaging newsletters with parents to communicate information about topics such as encouraging vegetables, limiting added sugars and sources of salty foods.

There are 15 newsletters available in both English and Spanish. They can be accessed on the [**Nibbles for Health webpage**](#).



California Department of Public Health Connection

CalFresh Healthy Living, California Department of Public Health Training and Events Calendar

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Training Updates

CDPH Training Update

Check out the CDPH [Training & Events webpage](#) for the latest training information and calendar of scheduled events, ***including links to register*** and join events listed below.

All Local Health Department Call

March 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Adult Direct Education Mid-Year Check-In (Hosted by Nutrition Policy Institute)

March 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Cross-Project Office Hours (Hosted by Nutrition Policy Institute)

March 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

CalFresh Healthy Living Statewide Training Resources

For information regarding CalFresh Healthy Living Statewide Training events and resources, email CFHLStatewideTraining@leahspantry.org.

[CalFresh Healthy Living Statewide Training Resources](#)

[CalFresh Healthy Living Statewide Training Learning Platform](#) 



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