

# HIA BUZZ

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## USDA Farm to School Grant Program

- ◆ The [USDA Farm to School Grant Program](#) provides assistance to improve access to local foods for eligible schools. The program offers four grant programs, including the
  - **Support Service grants** – for state/local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers & non-profit entities working with schools/school districts
  - **Implementation grants** - to assist schools/school districts to scale or further develop existing farm to school initiatives
  - **Planning grants** - for schools/school districts initiating farm to school activities
  - **Training grants** – for state/local agencies, Indian tribal organizations, agricultural producers & non-profit entities to support trainings that strengthen farm to school supply chains, or technical assistance trainings.
- ◆ Check [here](#) for info on additional programs that support Farm to School initiatives.
- ◆ For tips on sustaining your Farm to School programs click [here](#).

## Municipal Zoning for Local Foods in Iowa Guidebook & Webinar

- ◆ Although written for Iowa, the information concerning strategies aimed towards reducing local regulatory barriers to local foods as provided in this guidebook, may be applied to any jurisdiction across the Nation. The document addresses a number of common urban agricultural uses, such as composting and community and market gardens, as well as the raising of bees, chickens and goats. It provides information on standards and best practices and speaks about the public health, safety and welfare concerns linked with each urban agricultural activity. The information provided within this guidebook is based on scientific publications, including those from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Cooperative Extension publications from several university extension services. The document also includes samples of zoning code language that are designed to reduce barriers to and encourage production & sales activities usually linked with urban agriculture. To access this guidance document please click [here](#). To access a webinar recording that introduces the guidebook as well as provides information on issues associated with zoning and urban agriculture, please click [here](#).

## Culture of Health Prize

- ◆ There is still time to apply for the **Culture of Health Prize** being offered by the **RWJF**. Up to ten communities shall be selected and these will receive a \$25,000 cash prize, in addition to having their success stories shared across the Nation. Applications are being accepted through November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3pm ET. To learn more about participation criteria please click [here](#).

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## Health Impact Assessment of the Proposed Trans- Pacific Partnership Agreement

Findings from this HIA reveal that the proposed Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) may have potentially significant impacts on public health, particularly on the provision of affordable medicines, tobacco and alcohol policies and nutrition labeling. To access the HIA report click [here](#). To access a webinar recording that explains the HIA's results please click [here](#).