

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DATCP 9/27/2013

LRB Number	13-2561/1	Introduction Number	AB-0304	Estimate Type	Original
Description Grants for farm to school programs and making an appropriation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill provides funding for the farm to school grant program in the 2013-2015 biennium to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The grant program was originally authorized in the 2009 Wisconsin Act 293 but funding was not provided at that time.

Original estimates from the 2009 Wisconsin Act 293 estimated approximately 10-15 grants would be funded if \$200,000 in funding was appropriated. Given the proposed annual funding level of \$125,000, it is assumed DATCP would issue 8-12 grants annually.

1. Creating administrative rules: Based upon recent costs associated with creating administrative rules for DATCP's Division of Food Safety and Division of Agricultural Resource Management, the creation of rules would require approximately 0.25 FTE of staff time at a cost of \$16,500.
2. Administration and evaluation of the grant: For the purpose of this fiscal estimate, DATCP assumes work involved with the Farm to School grant program will be absorbed by current staff. DATCP estimates this to be approximately 30% of a FTE annually.
3. Supplies, services, travel and training: Supplies and services costs would include travel to the grant sites and based upon similar costs for administering the Farm to School AmeriCorps program, the department estimates approximately \$6,000 in annual costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications