

## Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program | Match Calculator

### Instructions

This document is a resource that helps applicants of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Patrick Leahy Farm to School grant calculate their non-Federal match amount, to ensure they meet the required match. See Section 3.5 in the Request for Applications for more details.

**Do not submit this match calculator with your application.** This is intended as a resource only. We strongly recommend using the provided Budget Narrative Template, which also contains a match calculator section, for creating and submitting your budget narrative. The Budget Narrative Template is provided in both Excel and Word versions in the Related Documents tab on the Grants.gov posting.

Please note: This match calculator relies on formulas. It is possible the user may be able to alter the formulas or the document in a way that causes the formulas to not function properly. Applicants are responsible for ensuring the budget data is correct, including any calculations. USDA is not responsible for any calculation or other errors caused by using this calculator.

### Calculate Match Percentage

This section calculates the match percentage by adding the Federal request and match amounts to find the total project budget, then dividing the match amount by the total project budget. Enter your Federal request and your match in the designated fields using whole numbers. The built-in formulas will calculate the total project budget and match percent. Your match must be at least 25.0 percent. Rounding from 24.9999 percent, for example, does not meet the match, and your application will be determined ineligible.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| ENTER FEDERAL REQUEST             |  |
| ENTER MATCH AMOUNT                |  |
| TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (CALCULATED) |  |
| MATCH PERCENT (CALCULATED)        |  |

### Calculate Minimum Match Amount Needed

To calculate the minimum amount of non-Federal match you need to meet the 25.0 percent requirement, use the following calculator. The calculator divides the federal request by 0.75 to find the total project budget (since the Federal request will be 75 percent of the total project budget), then subtracts the Federal request. Enter the desired Federal request. Note that the match amount and total project budget will show cents in the table below for accuracy; however, all requests must be in whole dollars. If your match amount is not a whole number, you must round up in the application forms and budget narrative. Do not round down as you may not meet the required match, resulting in your application being determined ineligible.

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| MATCH AMOUNT (CALCULATED)         |  |
| TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET (CALCULATED) |  |