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FARM TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS (CNP): INSIDE THE ISSUE

Grant Updates

The [Farm to CNP Competitive Reimbursement Grant](#) is now open. Applicants must have been awarded a Farm to CNP Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grant and have a \$0 balance of Non-Competitive funds. **Round two applications are due June 8, 2022 by 2PM.** There will be a total of six rounds of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant through the end of the biennium.



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Update

Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the SY 2021-2022 FFVP timeline. **March 2022 claims are due Monday, May 30, 2022.** If you use up your initial FFVP award funds please contact us at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov to inquire about additional funds. Applications for SY2022-2023 are now open on the [FFVP webpage](#). Applications are due by **September 1, 2022.**

Farm to Summer Celebration Week Challenge: July 11-15, 2022

We encourage Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors to take the pledge and participate in the Farm to Summer Celebration Week!

School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training

The next [School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training is open for registration!](#) The course is hosted by Oregon State University's department of Professional and Community Education (PACE) and runs for 6 weeks starting June 20, 2022. Each week there is online video, audio and print materials that can be watched at any time, followed by an optional live discussion on Google Meet each Thursday evening (5-6pm Pacific). The course includes demo lessons, an Action Plan template and a wealth of resources to help start or further develop a school garden. Registration details and an overview of the six course modules content can be found on the [School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training website](#).

Farm to Summer Celebration Week Challenge: July 11-15, 2022

Take the Farm to Summer Celebration Week Pledge!

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors are encouraged to pledge to do the following during Farm to Summer Week - July 11- 15, 2022:

- Serve a minimum of one local food
- Provide a minimum of one food enrichment activity (in-person or virtually depending on local conditions)
- Share Farm to Summer Celebration Week successes at least once through social media, websites, or another outlet

Awards (a pear trophy!) will go to the top three sponsors that meet all three requirements of the challenge.

No effort is too small! You can source one item or all foods locally.

How do I take the Pledge? Contact us at farmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov and let us know you plan to participate.

Below are a few resources to help you start planning:

- [Oregon Harvest for Schools Directory](#)
- [Oregon Harvest for Schools Educational Materials](#)
- [OSU's Food Hero](#)
- [Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council](#)
- [USDA Farm to School Census](#)
- [USDA Capacity Builder - Use this to locate Farmer's Markets and Turnip the Beet Awardees](#)
- [USDA Farm to Summer Page](#)



Need more ideas for purchasing local foods this summer? Please contact the Farm to CNP team at farmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov





Updates on the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Program

Competitive Reimbursement Grant Open Now!

We are pleased to announce that the 2021-2023 Competitive Reimbursement Grant is now open! Applicants must have been awarded a Farm to CNP Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grant and have a \$0 balance of Non-Competitive funds.

The timeline for Round two of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant is as follows:

- Questions/Requests for Clarification are due **June 1, 2022 by 10AM.**
- Applications are due **June 8, 2022 by 2PM.**

There will be a total of six rounds of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant through the end of the biennium.

You can view the Request for Grant Applications (RFA) and the full timeline on the [Competitive Reimbursement Grant webpage](#).



Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

- The Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant is now listed under "The Office of the Director" in ODE's Electronic Grants Management System (EGMS). This is where you will find your 2021-2023 biennium awards.
- The 2021-2023 claim form can be found on the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). It is the first item under the "Resources for Claims" section.
- The mandatory Training Webinar is now available on the [Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). This is a recorded webinar. Please view as your schedule allows. After viewing is complete, each grantee must fill out a [Reimbursement Grant Attestation Form](#).
- Before Farm to CNP claims can be approved, returning sponsors must complete a [Final Report](#) from last biennium and new sponsors must complete a [Baseline Report](#).

Any questions can be sent to us at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

We will send out a listserv announcement about the [Education Grant](#) as soon as we have an updated timeline.

FFVP Updates

- Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the SY 2021-2022 [FFVP timeline](#). March 2022 claims are due **Monday, May 30, 2022.**
- Please complete the [mandatory annual FFVP training](#) before submitting your first FFVP claim.
- If you use up your initial FFVP award funds please contact us at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov to inquire about additional funds.

SY 2022-2023 FFVP Applications Now Open!

Applications for FFVP SY 2022-2023 can be found on the [FFVP webpage](#). These funds will cover any FFVP costs your participating schools incur between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023.

If you currently have a school that participated in SY 2021-2022 and it is still over 50% free and reduced, no action is necessary for those particular schools as they will automatically be re-enrolled.

Some helpful points to remember if you are interested in applying for the FFVP grant:

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the FFVP at the Federal level.
- The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) administers the FFVP at the State level.
- FFVP sub-grants are awarded to schools, not school districts.
- Only elementary schools (defined as K-8) are eligible.
- Awards are granted to those schools representing the highest percentage of students certified for free & reduced price benefits.
- Only schools participating in the NSLP are eligible.

We will be accepting applications for SY 2022-2023 until **September 1, 2022.**

Applications will be reviewed and turned around quickly after this date. An application does not guarantee an award, as we will prioritize schools with the highest need based on F&R%. If you would like a list of free and reduced percentages for schools in your district that are not currently enrolled in the FFVP please let me know.

Applications can be sent to:
FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov

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1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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