



September 1-31, 2022

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

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Update

The SY 22-23 FFVP Application Period has been extended applications must be submitted by **September 16, 2022 at 5PM**. Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the SY 2021-2022 FFVP timeline. **July 2022 claims are due Thursday, September 29, 2022**. This grant renews in October 2022; any **September 2022 claims must be claimed as a part of FFVP 2021-2022**.



Farm to CNP Competitive Reimbursement Grant

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 to be eligible. **Round 3 applications are due September 8, 2022 by 2 PM**. If you applied for Round 2 but have yet to been awarded the funds in EGMS, you are still eligible to apply for Round 3 as long as claims totaling your award balance have been submitted to the Farm to CNP inbox, FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

Farm to CNP Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grant

This is a reminder that a progress report for the Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant is due **September 30, 2022**. You can link directly to the [progress report](#) or access it through the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant web page](#). This progress report is mandatory, and required of all sponsors that participate in the ODE Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant. After the due date of September 30, 2022, you will not be able to submit future reimbursement claims or receive additional funding until this report is submitted.

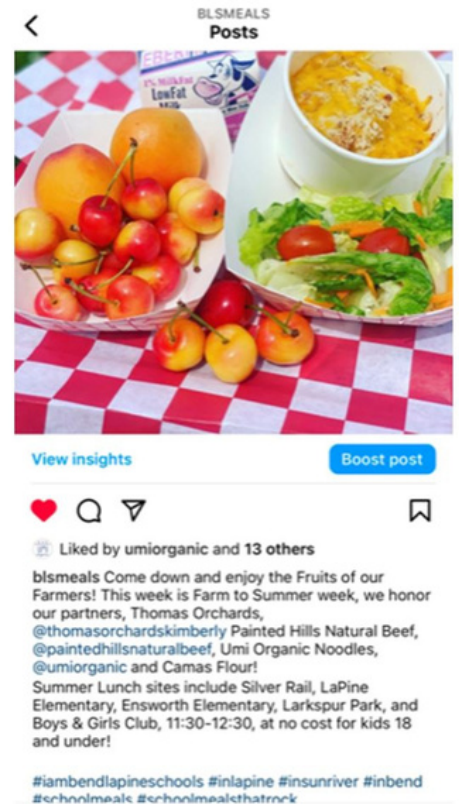
Other Opportunities and Farm to School Updates

- In this issue you can celebrate the Farm to Summer Celebration Week Winners; Bend LaPine School District and Reedsport School District!
- The next [School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training](#) is open for registration!
- Ecotrust and partners are looking forward to bringing back the [Local Link vendor fair](#) on September 28, 2022.

Farm to Summer Celebration Week Challenge Winners

Bend LaPine School District

Bend featured a week-long farm to summer week for the week of July 11-15, including Biscuits & (chicken &) dumplings using Camas Country Mills flour; shepherd's pie & tacos using Painted Hills Natural Beef, Chicken + veggie stir-fry using Umi Organic yakisoba noodles, and fruit using Thomas Orchards. To the right is a post of the food in action.



Reedsport School District

Reedsport used fresh produce grown locally by Lehne Farms.

Here are shots of their food in action this week, using their fabulous food truck. The picture of the meal is grilled chicken salad, which includes: kale, green & red leaf lettuce, radishes, carrots, red cabbage. Parmesan Rolls (made from scratch), home-made low-fat ranch dressing made with Greek yogurt and buttermilk.



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



CNP Grant Updates

Competitive Reimbursement Grant Open Now!

Round 3 of the 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.

Applications are due **September 8, 2022 by 2PM.**

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

If you applied for Round 2 but have yet to be awarded the funds in EGMS, you are still eligible to apply for Round 3 as long as claims totaling your award balance have been submitted to the Farm to CNP inbox, FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

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](#).

Progress reports are due September 30, 2022.

- You can link directly to the [progress report](#) or access it through the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant web page](#).
- This progress report is mandatory, and required of all sponsors that participate in the ODE Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant.
- The survey should take less than 30 minutes to complete.
- It may be helpful for you to review your baseline data from the start of this biennium (for new sponsors), or your final report from last biennium (for returning sponsors). To request a copy of this data please contact the ODE Farm to CNP Team at FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us.

After the due date of September 30, 2022, you will not be able to submit future reimbursement claims or receive additional funding until this report is submitted. Thank you for taking the time to complete the progress report and please let us know if you have any questions at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.



Education Grant

Awardees will be notified of their application status soon. Successful awardees must spend all of their funds by June 30, 2023. We are unable to approve any extensions.

FFVP Updates

- Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the SY 2021-2022 [FFVP timeline](#). July 2022 claims are due **Thursday, September 29, 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.
- This grant renews in October 2022; any **September 2022 claims must be claimed as a part of FFVP 2021-2022.**

SY 2022-2023 FFVP Applications

The SY 2022-2023 application period has been extended. Applications can be found on the [FFVP webpage](#) and must be submitted by **September 16, 2022 at 5PM.** An application does not guarantee an award, as we will prioritize schools with the highest need based on F&R%.

Awardees will be notified of their application status quickly after the application closes. 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 about 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.



SCHOOL GARDEN COORDINATOR CERTIFICATE TRAINING

The next School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training is open for registration! If you have already attended, please pass this on to other school garden enthusiasts.

The course runs for 6 weeks, starting October 10th. Each week there is online video, audio and print materials that you can watch at any time, followed by an optional live discussion on Google Meet each Thursday evening (5-6pm Pacific). The first live discussion is October 13th. The course includes demo lessons, an Action Plan template and tons of resources to help you start or further develop a school garden. You will be encouraged to share your activities with other participants from around the country during the discussion sessions and via online discussion forums. Check out the details of the course content on this link: [School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training](#)

Each week the course focuses on a different element of creating, using and sustaining school gardens: introduction & action planning, community engagement, garden design & maintenance, teaching & curriculum, harvesting & tasting, funding & making programs last

The Growing Gardens team of Educators and School Garden Coordinators pooled their expertise and brought in guest speakers from Oregon State University, Oregon Department of Education, Portland Public Schools, Grow Portland, and FoodCorps to create a dynamic interactive course. The course is hosted by Oregon State University's department of Professional and Community Education (PACE).

Visit the School Garden Coordinator Certificate Training [website](#) for registration details. The total cost of the course is \$300.



LOCAL LINK VENDOR FAIR

After a two-year hiatus, Ecotrust and partners are looking forward to bringing back the [Local Link](#) vendor fair on September 28 for institutional food buyers, chefs, foodservice and nutrition service professionals; regional farmers, ranchers, fishers, and value-added food businesses; distributors; and community food system organizations to connect and do business. We would be thrilled to have you at Local Link this year.

Register [here](#) to attend the Local Link vendor fair which features local food businesses from around the state, sharing samples and making connections with institutional food buyers and food systems partners mostly from PDX Metro/Willamette Valley.

Attendee fees are:

- \$10 institutional buyer
- \$10 community partner
- \$10 non-exhibiting food businesses (come check out this event!)
- Pre-K and K-12 school staff can register for free

Scholarship opportunities are available to make this event available to all. No attendees will be turned away for lack of funds. Email Angela Hedstrom at ahedstrom@ecotrust.org to request a scholarship or for any questions about this event.

Where: [Redd on Salmon Street](#), 831 SE Salmon St, Portland, OR

When: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 9:00am-12:00pm

Thank you for your commitment to building thriving local economies, vibrant urban and rural communities, and equitable access to good food.

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