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

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Update

FFVP SY 22-23 [mandatory training](#) needs to be completed before submitting your first claim. Please continue to submit claims following the [22-23 claim calendar](#). Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov. All agreements have been sent and shortly after agreements are fully executed sponsors will be able to enter claims in EGMS.

USDA Farm to School Grant: Local Food for Schools (LFS)

The USDA has given our State just over \$2 million to administer a new Federal Farm to School reimbursement grant entitled [USDA Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program](#), (or, the LFS Grant for short). This is in addition to our regular State-funded grant program that will be operated at the same time.



Program and Partner Highlights in this Issue

- Images from Rick's visits to Jefferson SD, Cascade SD, and North Santiam SD



Other Announcements

Education Grant

View our press release [here](#) to learn more about the education grant and the winning entries.

2022-2023 Oregon School Garden Survey

This 44-question survey should take 15-20 minutes to complete. We would like everyone to fill out [this survey](#) even if it has been completed in the past before. Even if your garden is not currently in use, we would still everyone to fill it out so we can get better data about school gardens in Oregon.



CNP Grant Updates

Federal USDA Farm to School Grant: Local Food For Schools (LFS) Grant

- Most Oregon School Districts participate in the State-funded Oregon Farm to School Grant for Reimbursement of Oregon Grown and Processed food. We anticipate that the State Grant just mentioned will continue to operate next biennium.
- However, we now have an additional Federal grant to administer. The USDA has given our State just over \$2 million to administer a new Federal Farm to School reimbursement grant entitled USDA Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program, (or, the LFS Grant for short). Again, this is in addition to our regular State-funded grant program that will be operated at the same time.
- The USDA has made these funds available to our state with the stipulation that we don't duplicate efforts already in place. Therefore, we will essentially make these funds available to Sponsors for specific items that aren't allowed in our regular State reimbursement grant.
- This grant is only available for NSLP sponsors. Eligible sponsors received an email with award allocation March 9, 2023.
- The mandatory training materials can be found on our website [here](#). This grant begins March 1, 2023 and close on August 31, 2024.



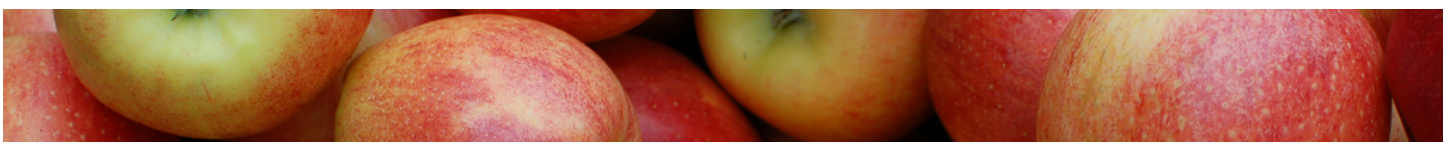
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the [SY 2022-2023 FFVP timeline](#). February 2023 claims are due **Saturday, April 29, 2023**.
- Agreements and EGMS are currently on hold, but sponsors will be notified as soon as claims are ready to be entered. Claims must still be submitted to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov by the monthly deadlines. Here are the [SY 2022-2023 FFVP deadlines](#).
- The [mandatory annual FFVP training](#) is now available. This training will need to be completed before submitting your first claim for the 22-23 school year.
- Any questions can be sent to us at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.



Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

- The Progress Reports for the non-competitive reimbursement grant are past due. 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. You will not be able to submit future reimbursement claims or receive additional funding until this report is submitted.
- 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](#).



Education Grant and School Garden Updates



Rick had the opportunity to support three sponsors on their school garden projects last month!

He built two raised beds at Cascade Opportunity Center (left) and built two tables at Jefferson Elementary (right).



Before



After

He also built 13 raised beds at Sublimity School.

We can't wait to see what everyone grows! Thank you to Cascade SD, Jefferson SD, and North Santiam SD for sharing!

If you'd like to share your garden projects, please email them to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov



Questions or suggestions for future issues?

Please send an email to the Farm to CNP team at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

Civil Rights and Complaints Process

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ODE CNP actively promotes equity. We offer training and technical assistance to ODE CNP sponsors and providers to assist them with their responsibilities regarding discrimination and harassment. ODE CNP also conducts workshops on these and related subjects at state, regional, local program sites, and conferences. Future activities include developing outreach strategies and tactics aimed at inclusiveness and increased program participation.

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Director of Child Nutrition Programs,
Oregon Department of Education,
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Salem, OR 97310
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