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FARM TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS: INSIDE THE ISSUE



Oregon Harvest for Schools

The newest videos are here! In this issue we feature African Heritage Foods in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and Latinx Flavors in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)! These videos are a part of Food Hero's [Cultural Toolkits](#).

Grant Updates

We know this fall has been challenging for nutrition services and that there have been many supply chain disruptions. Remember that your Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant dollars can be used to purchase locally grown items from farms that are still deep in the harvest season. Purchases can be made now and reimbursed as soon as award funds are set up in EGMS.

FFVP Update

After the initial FFVP application process was completed on September 15, we still have FFVP funds remaining. Therefore, we have opened applications again and will accept them on a rolling basis until all funds have been awarded. Applications can be found on the [FFVP website](#). The mandatory FFVP training for SY 21-22 is also now available on the [FFVP website](#). The new interactive training can be completed at your convenience, and the new Workday platform will allow you to track all of your ODE trainings moving forward.



Learn how Oregon Celebrated Farm to School Month!

The [Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network](#) encouraged the celebration of Farm to School Month by recognizing the heroic efforts of Oregon's producers, child nutrition programs and educators who met the unprecedented challenges of the past school years with innovation, care, and a lot of hard work. Check out the [OFSSGN Facebook page](#) to see the inspirational programs and events that have taken place this month.



Our newest videos are here featuring African Heritage Foods and Latinx Flavors!

The month of October brings new additions to the Oregon Harvest for Schools (OH4S) video series; African Heritage Foods in English and Spanish and Latinx Flavors in English and Spanish!



An English language version of the [African Heritage Foods video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [African Heritage Foods video](#).



An English language version of the [Latinx Flavors video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [Latinx Flavors video](#).

Food Hero has included the African Heritage Foods videos and the Latinx Flavors videos in their [Cultural Toolkits](#). The toolkits celebrate foods, cultures and traditions and offer access to recipes, coloring pages and activities, virtual classroom activities, monthly magazine issues, videos and more.

The Oregon Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program and OSU Extension's Food Hero campaign have teamed up to launch this series which will include a total of 50 videos when complete. The series aims to educate students on healthy, Oregon food. For a comprehensive list of the videos we have available to date visit the [Oregon Harvest for Schools website](#) and click on the Videos tab under "Other Items."



2021-2023 Biennium Awards: Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

2021-2002 Biennium Updates

We know there have been many nutrition services challenges this fall including many supply chain disruptions. The work that has been put in to keep kids fed and programs running has been amazing.

As a reminder:

- It is still harvest season for local farms and they may be a great option for produce items for meal service.
- Take advantage of your Reimbursement Grant dollars to make these kinds of local purchases! You can make purchases now and get reimbursed as soon as your award funds are set up in EGMS!
- USDA has provisions in place to forego the normal competitive procurement process in these times of an emergency situation. Please visit [ODE's Memos and News Announcement page for details](#).

Almost all of the grant agreements for the Farm to CNP Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant have been emailed out. The grant goes live as soon as Sponsors sign and return agreements, retroactive to July 1, 2021.

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.state.or.us. We will post a Q&A after reviewing and answering all submitted questions.

We will send out a listserv announcement about the Education Grant and Technical Assistance Grant as soon as we have updated timelines.

Oregon Wellness Award

Applications open on

November 1st

Application Deadline: January 31, 2022

The Oregon Department of Education, the Nutrition Council of Oregon, the Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council, and OregonASK are teaming up to reward exemplary School & Afterschool Programs for creating and sustaining a culture of wellness for youth and staff. With consideration to the current circumstances, this year's wellness award committee has chosen to simplify the application. The gathering of the required information and completing the application is expected to take between 1-3 hours. Application materials and resources will be posted to the Oregon Department of Education Wellness Awards webpage on November 1, 2021.

Two awards per category will be rewarded.

- School Programs selected will receive statewide recognition, a personalized plaque, and a custom banner, as well as a \$2,500 award to be used to further nutrition, physical activity and/or other wellness efforts within their school.
- Afterschool Programs selected will receive statewide recognition, a personalized plaque, and a custom banner, as well as a \$1,000 award to be used to further nutrition, physical activity and/or other wellness efforts within their program.

As a sponsor of the awards, Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council provides the cash award and a recognition banner for each winner.

We will be hosting three Wellness Award Overview webinars. Register in advance for this webinar by selecting the time and date that works best for you.

- [Nov 16, 2021 1:30 - 2:00PM](#)
- [Dec 14, 2021 10:30 - 11:00AM](#)
- [Jan 13, 2022 3:00 - 3:30PM](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining.

For additional guidance, including award rules, required materials, and the selection process, please contact Michelle Lincoln at (503) 947-5889 or michelle.lincoln@ode.state.or.us.



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

FFVP SY 2021-2022 Application Update: Funds Still Available

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FFVP SY 2021-2022 Updates

FFVP Mandatory Training for SY 21-22 - Now Available!

Course Title: ODE - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) 2021-2022 Training

Course Description: Annual training course for ODE's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mandatory or Optional? - This course is mandatory to participate in the SY 21-22 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and must be completed before submitting your first FFVP claim.

How do I enroll in the course? - It's easy! Follow these steps:

- [Create a free Oregon Workday Extended Enterprise Learner account](#). *Tips:* Make sure to create account before trying to login. Make sure to select the 'Oregon Department of Education' affiliation. (View this [job aid video](#) if you need assistance creating an account, or [follow the instructions on this pdf](#)).
- **Search for course title** by clicking 'browse learning content,' then type 'ODE FFVP' in search box, select course and click 'Start Course.'
- Your participation will be recorded once the course is complete.

If you struggle to find the course after creating a Workday Extended Enterprise Learner account, please contact Amy Williams at amy.williams@state.or.us. *Please note:* If you have a Workday account through your school district or organization, you will need to create a separate ODE Extended Enterprise Learner account. You will only be able to complete ODE courses through [Workday Oregon](#).

Forgot your password? View this job aid for the ['Forgot Password Self-Serve Process for Extended Enterprise Learners.'](#)

FFVP Updates for SY 2020-2021

Please continue to submit claims by the following dates.

- August claims must be submitted by no later than Monday, November 1, 2021.
- September claims must be submitted by no later than Monday, December 29, 2021.

*Deadlines above pertain to EGMS entry, not initial claims submissions to the FFVP inbox. Please submit claims to FFVP inbox at least one business day prior to EGMS entry deadline.

You can view the full calendar of claims deadlines on the [FFVP website](#).

REMINDER: Please submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us.

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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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