

ODE Farm to CNP Newsletter



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Oregon Harvest for Schools

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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 one applications are due April 28, 2022 by 2PM. There will be a total of six rounds of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant from now 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. **February 2021 claims are due Friday, April 29, 2022**. If you use up your initial FFVP award funds please contact us at **FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov** to inquire about additional funds.

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!



Farm to CNP Spotlight: 2022 GroMoreGood Grassroots Winners

In 2022, 150 programs nationwide received funding to start or expand their youth garden or greenspace including three programs in Oregon. These include Kids Unlimited Academy of White City; La Grande School District and Pilot Middle School - Bend La Pine Schools. **Read more about the Grant here**.

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 one of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant is as follows:

- Questions/Requests for Clarification are due April 25, 2022 by 10AM.
- Applications are due April 28, 2022 by 2PM.

There will be a total of six rounds of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant from now 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 <u>Farm to CNP</u>
 <u>Reimbursement Grant webpage</u>. It is the first item under the "Resources for Claims" section.
- The mandatory Training Webinar is now available on the <u>Reimbursement Grant webpage</u>. This is a recorded webinar. Please view as your schedule allows. After viewing is complete, each grantee must fill out a <u>Reimbursement Grant Attestation Form</u>.
- Before Farm to CNP claims can be approved, returning sponsors must complete a <u>Final Report</u> from last biennium and new sponsors must complete a <u>Baseline Report</u>.

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 SY 2021-2022 Updates

- Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the SY 2021-2022 <u>FFVP timeline</u>. February 2021 claims are due Friday, April 29, 2022.
- Please complete the <u>mandatory annual FFVP training</u> 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.

Oregon Harvest for Schools Videos

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The series aims to educate students on healthy, Oregon food. The list of videos available includes the following:

Apples | Asparagus | Beef | Beets |
Blueberries | Broccoli | Brussels
Sprouts | Cabbage | Cane Berries |
Carrots | Cauliflower | Celery |
Cherries | Corn | Cranberries |
Cucumbers | Dry Beans | Eggs |
Grapes | Kale | Kiwi | Leeks |
Microgreens | Milk | Mushrooms |
Onions | Parsnips | Peaches | Pears |
Peas | Peppers | Potatoes | Radishes |
Rhubarb | Salad Greens | Seafood |
Spinach | Strawberries | String Beans |
Summer Squash | Tomatoes | Turnips |
Watermelon | Wheat | Winter Squash

We also have two Cultural Heritage Videos including African Heritage Flavors and Latinx Flavors.

These Oregon Harvest for Schools videos are part of <u>Food Hero's</u> <u>Cultural Toolkits</u>.

The complete list of videos can be found on the <u>Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage</u>.



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