

Grant Opportunities

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

The MCCSS will fund a portion of the total food costs for your student nutrition program. The rest of the money and supplies that are needed for the program to function will come from your own fundraising efforts.

President's Choice Children's Charity

[Learn more](#)

PC Children's Charity provides grants for school-based student nutrition programs in Canada. They offer both School Nutrition Grants and School Equipment Grants through three Power Full Kids programs.

There was an overwhelming amount of applications received in the 2022-23 school year and the application portal was closed early. Please submit your application as soon as the portal opens.

THE POWERFULL KIDS EAT WELL program grant aims to supplement existing SNP funding to provide higher quality nutrition for students. To be eligible, programs must occur within a publicly funded elementary or secondary school and run a universal meal program 4 days/week, 36 weeks/year.

- Applications open in Spring (was April 1 – May 26 for 2022-23 school year)

THE POWERFULL KIDS EQUIPMENT FUND can be used to purchase equipment required to prepare food and adhere to safe food handling practices. To be eligible for this grant, programs must be recipients of the PC School Nutrition Grant, Power Full Kids Eat Well.

- Applications open year-round, however demand may cause temporary closures

THE POWERFULL KIDS GROW & COOK grant can cover some of the costs of tools for students or classroom equipment used in food-based education, mainly for growing systems or cooking tools. To be eligible, programs must not have received funding from the Powerfull Kids Equipment Fund grant within the same calendar year.

- Applications open year-round, however demand may cause temporary closures

Canada Post Community Grant

[Learn more](#)

Canada Post Community project grants are open to schools and are geared towards creating or expanding services rather than maintaining existing programs. Expenditures they support include purchasing new equipment or launching new programs, to a maximum of \$5,000. New application period will open in Winter, 2024.

Produce Express School Fundraiser

[Learn more](#)

Produce Express school fundraisers are open to all schools in Hamilton with a student nutrition program. Once you register, your school will receive a fundraising code that is active for 1 month. Share with members of the community who can shop on fresherproduce.ca and get their groceries delivered to their home. 10% of this order total goes to your student nutrition program as a donation credit through web tracker.

Walmart Community Grant

[Learn more](#)

Walmart Canada provides Community Grants of \$1,000 to execute a community project or activity. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis. Applications are open year-round and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Farm to Cafeteria Canada: Salad Bar

[Learn more](#)

The Farm to Cafeteria connects a farm to school where local food would be integrated with meal service in schools. Grant cycles operate on 2 year basis. Applications are closed for the current cycle, September 2022 to June 2024, but are expected to open for the new cycle in September 2024.

Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser

[Learn more](#)

Provides schools with the opportunity to raise funds by selling Ontario produce. Schools keep 40% of the proceeds.

Whole Kids Foundation: Garden Grants Program

[Learn more](#)

The Whole Kids Garden Grant provides schools \$3,000 for new or upgrades to an existing edible garden that engages at least 10 students.