



PPS Food Fund Grant Application Criteria & Priorities

The PPS Food Fund is a collaboration of the Foundation for PPS and Food Fuels Learning (FFL) and is made possible through generous donations by the community. The PPS Food Fund was established to provide community members the opportunity to invest in grassroots, school-based projects that build food security for PPS students and their families.

Criteria

- Project Area: within the Portland Public School District
- Age Range: families with children or PPS students
- Project Reach: more than a single family unit
- Project must be related to immediate and/or long-term food security

Priorities

- Projects that emphasize local food, provide culturally specific foods, and/or support small local businesses, including the purchase of gift cards for or providing credit to stores offering culturally appropriate food
- Projects that support populations that face barriers to accessing other resources
- Projects that leverage funding as effectively as possible
 - For example: a project that facilitates access to discounted or free food will receive priority over projects purchasing food at retail or gift cards to large supermarkets
- Projects that are supported by a collaborative team
 - For example: applications that involve multiple people/groups will receive priority over applications operated by an individual

Process

Food Fuels Learning will convene a Selection Committee including FFL Leadership Team members and representation from the Portland Education Foundation. When reviewing applications, the FFL Leadership Team will connect applicants who do not receive funding with other relevant resources. The FFL Leadership Team will identify applications that overlap with respect to the communities they serve and encourage applicants to collaborate.

Grant Range

\$100-\$2,500



Grant Timeline

Release of Application	January 7, 2021
Application Due Date	February 12, 2021
Application Review	February 16, 2021 - February 26, 2021
Grantees Announced	March 1, 2021
Grants Distributed	Week of March 1, 2021
Grant Reporting Due	June 1, 2021

Method of Submission

The application form is available on the FFL website (foodfuelslearning.org).

Examples of Funded Projects:

- \$500 for families to receive \$50 credit to the Food for All Services mobile African food market operated by Khadija Ahmed
- \$500 to Food for All Services to prepare culturally relevant meals and provide credit to the mobile African food market for families experiencing homelessness
- \$500 to Presente Maine to support distribution of culturally relevant food to Portland families
- \$500 to the PPS Social Work Department to support supplemental food deliveries directly to high-need families in Portland
- \$250 to the School Garden Network to purchase sanitation supplies for school gardens