

## **National School Food Program**

### **Summary of Year 2 (2025/26) Allocations**

In March 2025, the B.C. Government entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada through the National School Food Program (NSFP), providing approximately \$39 million over three years in additional school food program funding to complement Feeding Futures.

#### **Allocation Methodology:**

Year 2 (2025/26) of NSFP funding is distributed to school districts in November 2025. As a part of the agreement, B.C. commits to invest federal funds to advance the objectives of Canada's National School Food Policy. This includes allocating funds where needed most, such as to underserved communities or populations most affected by food insecurity. Year 2 funding allocations through NSFP are allocated using the school district operating grant formula, with additional weighting added to rural factors and the Equity of Opportunity Supplement (EOS), which factors in unique student needs and low-income families. Additional weighting to rural factors and the EOS enables targeting funds where need is likely to be greater in the province. Additionally, for Years 2 and 3, school districts will receive at least 1.5 times their Year 1 allocation. Given that all school districts in B.C. already offer school food programs through Feeding Futures, the focus of federal funding is to expand and enhance existing programs.

#### **Spending Criteria:**

Spending criteria for Year 2 of NSFP funding is unchanged from Year 1, and is the same as Feeding Futures spending criteria, apart from the following:

- Districts may use funds towards major and minor food infrastructure, appliances, or equipment needed to prepare, store, cook, or transport food for programs. Food infrastructure improvements made with NSFP funding must not add square footage to an existing school facility or convert educational classroom space to a kitchen.
- Districts are encouraged to consider that, when using third parties to deliver school food programs and services, NSFP funding supports programs and services that are delivered predominantly by not-for-profit entities.
- Federal funding cannot be used to provide school food programs during school holidays, however funding may be spent in advance of the school year if it supports the delivery of school food programs during the school year. For example, districts may use NSFP funding for infrastructure or equipment upgrades during the summer, if the upgrades support the delivery of a food program during the school year. However, districts may not use NSFP funding to provide meals or snacks to students during school holidays such as summer, spring break, or winter holidays.

Questions regarding NSFP funding can be directed to [ECC.schoolfood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ECC.schoolfood@gov.bc.ca).

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School District	Year 2 Allocation (\$)
5 Southeast Kootenay	185,000
6 Rocky Mountain	121,210
8 Kootenay Lake	183,350
10 Arrow Lakes	46,340
19 Revelstoke	40,710
20 Kootenay-Columbia	139,490
22 Vernon	267,250
23 Central Okanagan	479,690
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	199,790
28 Quesnel	135,360
33 Chilliwack	509,840
34 Abbotsford	598,540
35 Langley	401,150
36 Surrey	1,459,890
37 Delta	250,540
38 Richmond	408,020
39 Vancouver	903,520
40 New Westminster	136,350
41 Burnaby	463,830
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	316,890
43 Coquitlam	531,050
44 North Vancouver	253,220
45 West Vancouver	114,260
46 Sunshine Coast	106,460
47 qathet	111,570
48 Sea to Sky	94,500
49 Central Coast	52,180
50 Haida Gwaii	115,800
51 Boundary	59,150
52 Prince Rupert	93,740
53 Okanagan Similkameen	98,310
54 Bulkley Valley	77,100
57 Prince George	475,700
58 Nicola-Similkameen	97,860
59 Peace River South	160,260
60 Peace River North	225,550
61 Greater Victoria	374,040
62 Sooke	253,010
63 Saanich	149,050
64 Gulf Islands	53,410
67 Okanagan Skaha	192,010

68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	484,730
69 Qualicum	148,180
70 Pacific Rim	162,910
71 Comox Valley	340,150
72 Campbell River	201,930
73 Kamloops-Thompson	453,880
74 Gold Trail	46,500
75 Mission	240,410
78 Fraser-Cascade	71,840
79 Cowichan Valley	270,230
81 Fort Nelson	67,360
82 Coast Mountains	172,630
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	189,700
84 Vancouver Island West	36,070
85 Vancouver Island North	61,680
87 Stikine	78,830
91 Nechako Lakes	174,060
92 Nisga'a	62,180
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	154,240
Provincial total	14,352,500