



## Feed Nova Scotia Innovation and Learning Grant 2025

### Frequently Asked Question

#### **Q. What is the maximum an organization can apply for?**

Each project proposal for Feed Nova Scotia's *Prototype Grant Stream* can be up to \$30,000.  
Each project proposal for Feed Nova Scotia's *Adaptation Grant Stream* can be up to \$15,000.  
Each project proposal for the *JustFOOD Community Grant Stream* can be up to \$30,000.

There is currently no limit on the number of applications an organization can submit.

#### **Q. Can I apply to both the Prototype Grant Stream and the JustFOOD Community Grant Stream with the same idea?**

Applicants can apply to both streams with the same idea if their idea meets the eligibility criteria of both funding streams. However, no application will be funded by both streams of funding: if an application is assessed to be a strong fit for both streams of funding, Feed Nova Scotia and JustFOOD will coordinate to determine which fund the application will be supported by.

#### **Q. What is meant by 'innovation'? If an organization wants to try a program that is new to the community but not a new invention, would that be eligible?**

The scope of work that could fall under 'innovation' includes developing a program, service, product or process that is new to Nova Scotia; bringing together existing pieces of work to create something new; or scaling a program or service already happening in one community to a new context. If you think you have an idea that falls into this scope, we encourage you to apply.

#### **Q. What role will first voice/Feed Nova Scotia's First Voice Advisory play in the decision-making process for the grants?**

When we are assessing applications we receive, we will be bringing project concepts to our First Voice Advisory for their reaction and feedback. This will be one point of input to our overall assessment.

We know that some of our advisory members may have current relationships or past experiences with organizations that may result in bias or conflict of interest. We are committed to ensuring the integrity of the process, so organization names or specific locations of proposed projects will not be revealed to the group.

**Q. The grant criteria states that expenses incurred before funding is approved are not eligible for coverage; is there any flexibility with this?**

No, under our ineligible expenses, we have identified costs incurred prior to funding approval.

**Q. Will the names of organizations receiving the grants be made public?**

Yes, we will make this information publicly available.

**Q. One of the potential goals that the Prototype Grant Stream is focused on is around supporting food system coordination: what does this mean?**

This goal is around individual organizations and players in the food system coming together to collaborate, share resources, build collective capacity and coordination for greater impact. It could mean developing shared tools or ways to share data and coordinate services, sharing resources and more.

**Q. Are there particular data reports on food insecurity that could help applicants position their proposal?**

A couple of key websites you can find resources and reports related to poverty and food insecurity in Nova Scotia:

[PROOF](#)  
[Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#)

**Q. What should an organization do if they have an idea for one of the grant streams but are not sure if it will be eligible?**

Anyone who wants to apply for any of the grant streams available in 2025 and has questions about eligibility should contact staff (details below).

## **CONTACT**

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