



## Feed Nova Scotia's Prototype Grant Application

### INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for your interest in applying for Feed Nova Scotia's 2026 Prototype Grant Stream.

The goals of the prototype grant stream are to support community-led innovative ideas that address food insecurity across Nova Scotia, and to learn about what works, what doesn't, and why.

If you think you have an idea that might be a fit, please read on!

### BEFORE YOU START:

Before you begin your application, please review the eligibility criteria on **pages 9–10** of this document to ensure your organization meets all qualifying requirements.

- Responses can be provided in bullet-point or narrative format.
- You are **not required** to reach the maximum word limits indicated for each question.
- Once your application is complete, save it as a PDF and name the file using your organization and project names (e.g., *Feed Nova Scotia\_ProjectABC*).

Please email your completed PDF application to [grants@feednovascotia.ca](mailto:grants@feednovascotia.ca). Applications will be accepted until **11:59 p.m. (AST) on February 27, 2026**. Applications received after this deadline will **not** be accepted.

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### SECTION 1: ORGANIZATION DETAILS:

1.1 Organization name:

1.2 Mailing address:

1.3 Organization website (if applicable):

1.4 Social media channels (if applicable):

1.5 Is your organization a registered charity or non-profit? Y/N

1.6 Please provide your organization's registration number

1.6 If your organization is none of above, do you have a trustee partnership in place? Y/N  
Please provide details (name, contact including mailing address and **charity/non-profit number** of trustee organization etc):

Insert text:

1.7 Please share any key/general information you would want us to know about your organization (mandate/primary focus etc.) Max 250 words.

Insert text:

1.8 We are committed to applying an equity lens to our evaluation of applications to support organizations and groups led by equity-deserving identities where possible.

Is your organization led by any of the following equity-deserving groups?  
(Consider leadership as Executive Director, senior management, and governance structures such as Board of Directors, advisory board, or volunteer committees.)

- Black-led:** Over 50% of all leadership positions are held by individuals who self-identify as Black (e.g., African Nova Scotian, African Canadian, African Caribbean, African).
- Indigenous led:** Over 50% of all leadership positions are held by individuals who self-identify as Indigenous (e.g., Mi'kmaw, First Nations, Métis, Inuit).
- Racialized/People of Color-led:** Over 50% of all leadership positions are held by individuals who self-identify as racialized or as People of Color.
- Other (If there are other aspects of equity-deserving identities e.g over 50% LGBTQIA+, or persons living with a disability etc. reflected in your organization's leadership, please specify below)

Insert text:

## **SECTION 2: PROJECT LEAD/CONTACT DETAILS:**

2.1 Name:

2.2 Position:

2.3 Email:

2.4 Phone number:

## **SECTION 3: GRANT REQUEST SUMMARY:**

3.1 Project Title:

3.2 Requested funding amount: \$

3.3 Total project budget (if different from funding amount requested): \$

3.4 If your proposed total budget is greater than the requested amount, please provide information about where the rest of the funding will come from and whether it has already been secured:

Insert text:

3.5 If the remaining funding from other sources has not been secured, please describe whether you would still be able to proceed with the project and achieve the proposed goals without it?  
Max 500words

Insert text:

3.6 Proposed start date of project (month and year):

3.7 Proposed end date of project (month and year):

*Please note: the proposed project cycle should not exceed 1 year from your listed start date.*

*A budget breakdown and timeline of key activities is to be completed on page 7 and 8.*

#### **SECTION 4: PROJECT DETAILS:**

4.1 Please provide a brief background of your project and the issues you are trying to address. Include information about how the idea emerged e.g., through community engagement, your organization's strategic plan, or another source. Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.2 Please share an overview and detailed description of your proposed idea: what is it that you plan to do and how will you do it? Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.3 What goals and objectives does the project hope to achieve? Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.4 Please provide details about the project's geographic location, population of focus (e.g., youth, seniors), equity considerations, identified community needs, and any other relevant information about the context that you think we should know Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.5 What makes this project innovative and different to any work already happening in your field and/or community of focus? Please indicate if the project is focused on developing a new service/program, or expanding an existing service to a new context, or on scaling work already happening etc. Max 350 words.

Insert text:

4.6 If you are proposing to run a direct food or growing program, how many people do you hope to reach? How frequently will people be reached (daily/weekly/monthly)? Please include any information that would help indicate the breadth or depth of project reach. Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.7 If your project focuses on **system coordination or advocacy**, describe how it aims to influence or support the broader food security landscape?

Insert text:

4.8 How might your community of focus benefit from this project? Please include any relevant information about employment opportunities, skills development, volunteer opportunities, strengthened connections, or access to equipment and resources, etc. Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.9 What are you hoping the outcomes and deliverables of your project will be? Please include any immediate outcomes and deliverables you want to see and any anticipated contributions to longer term or system change that you think could be possible Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.10 What do you hope to learn through the proposed project in terms of addressing food insecurity? What do you hope your community of focus and/or other organizations might learn from your project? Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.11 What potential constraints or risks exist for the proposed project, and how do you plan to address them? Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.12 Beyond funding, are there any other support or resources required to successfully move the project forward? If yes, please describe what they are and how you plan to secure them.to move the project forward.

Insert text:

4.13 Successful applicants will be required to submit an evaluation/summary report at the end of the funding period outlining what you did, what impact you had, what worked, what didn't work etc. What kinds of data, information or feedback would you plan to collect to inform your report? Max 200 words.

Insert text:

4.14 Is there any other information that you think is important to share about your proposed project that hasn't been addressed in the questions above?

Insert text:

This grant aims to generate learnings, and successful applicants will be asked to participate in the following activities as a condition of funding:

- Complete 10-minute process mapping exercise every 2-3 months as your project proceeds to record steps you have taken, adjustments you have made and emerging learnings in your work.
- Participate in one learning circle with other grantees to share information about your project and learn from others.
- Complete a final report template at the end of the funding period.
- Participate in a gathering/event with broader community members for the purpose of shared learnings.

4.15 Do you consent to these requirements if your application is successful? Y/N

(Please contact us on 902.457.1900 x258 or [grants@feednovascotia.ca](mailto:grants@feednovascotia.ca) if you would like to get more information on this before you consent)

## **SECTION 5: BUDGET BREAKDOWN:**

Please add extra rows as needed. Please add in any administrative costs (up to 12% of total budget) into calculation if applicable.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b> \$		

## SECTION 5: TIMELINE OF KEY ACTIVITIES:

Please add extra rows as needed. Project cycle should not exceed 1 year from start date

Key Activity	Timeline

# Feed Nova Scotia Innovation and Learning Grant Prototype Stream

## OVERVIEW AND SCOPE

Feed Nova Scotia's Innovation and Learning Grant: Prototype Stream is aimed to help kick-start new ideas to address food insecurity across Nova Scotia. Funding requests can range anywhere from **\$5,000 to \$25,000** per initiative.

The following information outlines qualifying criteria and eligible expenses for the 2026 grant:

## QUALIFYING CRITERIA

### Requirements for your proposed initiative:

- The initiative advances a vision of food access centered around dignity, agency and choice.
- The initiative represents an innovation<sup>1</sup> for the province or is an adaptation/scale out of an innovation that has been tested in another context.
- The initiative can advance one or more of the following goals:
  - Increase access, availability and/or choice of food.
  - Increase community-led production of food.
  - Support food system coordination.
  - Advance advocacy efforts to address root causes of food insecurity.
  - Or please indicate your goal if it is not included in the 4 categories.
- There is a clear start and end date for the funding request, which lasts no longer than one year from the proposed start date.
- Successful applicants agree to share learnings at the end of the project with Feed Nova Scotia and the broader community.

### Requirements for your organization/group:

- You are a registered charity or non-profit organization.
- If you are none of the above, you have a confirmed partnership in place with a registered charity or non-profit organization that can act as trustee for the grant.
- If you are not a registered charity or non-profit organization and do not have a confirmed partnership with a trustee but have an idea and want to apply, please reach out to us to explore other options (see contact information below).

## ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE USES OF GRANT MONEY

### Eligible uses of grant money:

- Funding expenses for the proposed new initiative, which can include staff hours, honorariums, space rental, purchase or rental of program materials, small capital costs<sup>2</sup>

(i.e. equipment, furniture), transportation costs, food costs, promotion and publicity, trustee fees.

- Administration costs: up to 12% of the budget can be used to cover full/partial administrative costs to deliver the initiative (office space, work phone costs, printing etc.).

### **Ineligible uses of grant money:**

- Food bank services, free meal programs or other food-based services which are already widely in operation across Nova Scotia.
- Funding expenses to maintain a program or service already in operation.
- Ongoing multi-year program funding.
- Expenses incurred prior to funding approval.
- Repurposing funding to make grants to any other individual, group or organization.
- Payment of property taxes, debt repayment or deficit funding.
- Projects and activities outside of Nova Scotia.

## **KEY APPLICATION DATES**

Key dates are as follows:

- Friday, February 27, 2026, at 11:59pm: application closes.
- Friday, May 29, 2026: successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of outcome.

## **CONTACT**

For more information, please contact us at:

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