Community Food Fund
2026-2027 Grant Application Funding Guidelines

The Department of Social Development and Seniors (SDS) is currently accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Community Food Fund, continuing its commitment to strengthening community-based food supports across Prince Edward Island. Through this funding opportunity, SDS will continue partnering with community-based organizations that are making a meaningful difference in addressing food insecurity and improving access to nutritious food for island residents.

Eligibility

This grant program is open to eligible community organizations, community-based coalitions or networks, and municipalities that offer services which help stabilize the food supply for vulnerable PEI residents. The following are examples of services which are eligible for funding support:

- food banks;
- community fridges;
- food cupboards;
- food pantries; and
- food hampers.

Soup Kitchen and meal programs are not eligible for funding.

To be considered for funding, organizations will be required to:

- Complete an application form which includes organizational information, a description of the service delivery model, and financial information (including a proposed spending plan). First time applicants may be required to submit photos of their facility.
- Enter into a formal funding agreement upon approval. This agreement outlines obligations related to spending commitments, financial reporting, record keeping, and program accountability.
- Accommodate a site visit and inspection, if requested, as part of the assessment and monitoring process.
- Ensure Criminal Record Checks are completed for individuals directly involved in program delivery.

There is a limit of one application per organization, and all applicants must ensure their service adheres to all relevant food safety regulations and guidelines.

Organizations may be contacted between October 9-16, 2026 via phone to verify applicant information. If the contact person listed on application is not available during this time please contact foodprogram@gov.pe.ca with an alternate contact person.

Funding Guidelines

Applicants whose projects are selected for funding may receive awards **ranging from $1,000 to $10,000**, depending on project proposal and available resources. Please note that all applications are subject to review, and funding is not guaranteed.

Funding awarded through this program may only be used for the purchase of food that will be distributed to clients. Grant funding may not be used for infrastructure, gift cards, household goods, equipment, facility repairs, facility rental costs, or staff salaries.

Applicants who have previously received funding through the Island Community Food Security Grant Program or Community Food Fund must have fulfilled all associated financial and reporting requirements to be eligible for funding through the 2026-2027 Community Food Fund.

All funds provided under this program must be spent by May 31, 2027. All final reports must be submitted by June 30, 2027.

Successful applicants in the 2026-2027 fiscal year will be required to submit a new application to be considered for funding in future years. Requests for multi-year funding are not being considered at this time.

Submission and Review of Applications

Applications for the 2026-2027 funding cycle must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2026.

Completed applications must be submitted via email or mail to:

Email: foodprogram@gov.pe.ca

Mail: Attn: Katie Duffy
Department of Social Development and Seniors
11 Kent St., 2nd Floor Jones Building
PO Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

All applications must be clear and legible; typed applications are strongly encouraged to ensure readability and completeness. Applicants are encouraged to reach out with any questions regarding the development or submission of their application

Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee funding. All applications will be assessed based on a range of criteria, including:

- Type of service(s) offered;
- Geographic area served;
- Availability of other food supports in your area;
- Estimated number of clients supported;
- Proposed spending plan and budget; and
- Other sources of Provincial Government funding received.

All applicants will be notified of the funding decision by letter and/or email, regardless of the outcome. Please note that approved funding amounts may differ from the amounts requested in the application, and may be dependent on the number of applications received.