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September already! We hope you enjoyed a summer full of sunshine, fresh food, and time with loved ones. As we move into the fall season and coupon distribution comes to a close, it's time to start thinking about end-of-season tasks.

In this newsletter, you'll find important reminders and next steps we'll need your help with, along with a grant opportunity, new accessibility research from the FNHA, and a request to connect with your MLAs.

Thank you for taking the time to review what's below!

For Markets

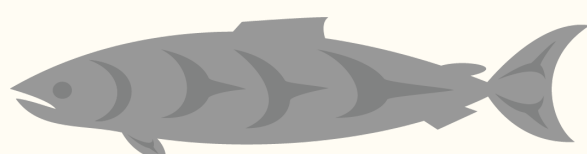
As some of you begin to wind down your seasons please keep these tasks in mind:

- **Vendor Report-** No need to wait until your season is over. If you won't be accepting any new coupon eligible vendors into your market this year you can submit your vendor report now!
- **Season End Dates-** Please let us know when your last day of coupon redemption will be so we can plan your advances and send your year end financial summary accordingly.
- **Mail in Your Coupons-** If you haven't yet mailed in your June/July coupons please do so ASAP. If your market is over or ending soon, you can mail in the remainder of your coupons as soon as you're done! You do NOT need to mail us your vendor enrolment forms.
- **Vendor Survey-** We will **not** be distributing a vendor survey this year. If your vendors have any feedback they'd like to share about the program they can email nutrition@bcfarmersmarket.org.
- Keep your **vendor signs** to reuse next year!

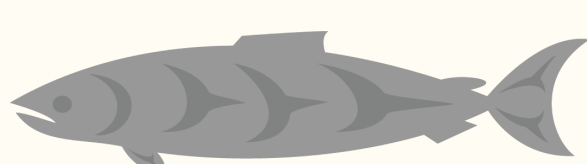
Vendor Report



End Date Form



Coupon Mailing



For Partners

As coupon distribution comes to an end for many of you, please keep these tasks in mind:

- **Participant Report-** If you're finished enrolling participants for the year you can submit your report at any time! Please return your completed report in excel format to nutrition@bcfarmersmarket.org
- **Participant Survey-** Please help us by sharing our survey with your FMNCP participants. Their feedback is vital and helps us advocate for secured funding in 2026 and beyond. The survey is available in both digital and print formats. Completed paper surveys can be returned to your regional coordinator or mailed directly to our Vancouver office.
- **As a reminder,** you do NOT need to mail us your participant enrolment forms or the stubs from the top of your coupons. Please keep these on file for your records as needed.
- **Grant Report-** If you received our Transportation Grant or Fruit and Vegetable vouchers, complete this report to let us know how you used your funds.

Participant Report



Participant Survey- Online

Participant Survey- Print



Grant Report

Help Us Secure Funding for Next Year!

We are asking markets and community partners to invite your MLA to meet with you during the market season.

Please invite them for a visit, a coffee, or a walk through the farmers market so they can see firsthand the impact of the Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program in their riding.

This in-person contact will help build valuable connections and strengthen our advocacy as we seek program funding in 2026.

Not sure who your MLA is?

CLICK HERE



Local Food Infrastructure Fund

The **Local Food Infrastructure Fund (LFIF)** is now open for applications! This program supports community-driven projects that strengthen food security by funding infrastructure and equipment to increase access to local, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food. Priority is given to initiatives serving equity-deserving groups, with a particular focus on projects led by or supporting Indigenous and Black communities.

The current intake period is open now until September 19th.

Awards are available for \$25,000 to \$100,000

Read More and Apply

New Research on Accessibility



The First Nations Health Authority has released *A Journey Towards Accessibility: Perspectives from First Nations in BC*, a community-based study that centres First Nations voices and experiences with accessibility. Through stories and insights from 89 participants across BC, the research highlights that accessibility is about more than physical spaces- it's about belonging, dignity, and community. The findings call for culturally safe, community-driven approaches to shaping accessibility standards and services.

Read the Full Article

Program Portal

What you'll find:

- ✓ Provincial dashboard of distribution and redemption
- ✓ ALL weekly reports
- ✓ Orientation slide deck and program operations manual
- ✓ Vendor and participant brochures and enrolment forms
- ✓ Grant applications
- ✓ Translations of farmers market produce
- ✓ Recipes and food literacy activities
- ✓ Coupon order form
- ✓ And more!

Program Portal

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