



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2014-2015 **THINK&EATGREEN SCHOOL** SMALL GRANTS FOR VANCOUVER SCHOOLS

The Think&EatGreen@School Project (<http://thinkeatgreen.ca/>) is a Community-University Research Alliance promoting change in the way public school students learn about both food and the environment, while also working towards building healthier and sustainable school food systems. A key aim of the project is to engage students in growing, preparing and sharing food, as well as composting food waste at school.

Think&EatGreen@School will foster food citizenship by providing a broad community of learners—from students to professors, teachers to chefs, farmers, gardeners, restaurateurs, and nutrition and health professionals— with opportunities to participate in the development of healthy and sustainable school food systems.

Think&EatGreen@School has set aside \$35,000 of its research funding from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to support the engagement of school communities through school-based healthy and sustainable food system projects in **Vancouver public schools** in 2014-15. This grant is available to new applicant schools and recipients of previous Think&EatGreen@School Small Grants.

Your school can become a “Think&EatGreen School” and receive a grant of up to \$2,000 to initiate or expand food initiatives at your school.

Benefits of Participation

- Eligibility to receive up to \$2000 for food system projects.
- Participation in a community of learners with the shared objective of working towards healthier and more sustainable school food systems.
- Participation in professional development opportunities including the Think&EatGreen@School Institute
- Opportunities to host UBC students to contribute to healthy and sustainable food system learning in your school.

Criteria for becoming a *Think&EatGreen School*

Priority will be given to schools that can demonstrate (as many as possible of) the following criteria. *Where applications are of equivalent merit -- according to the listed criteria -- preference will be given to applications that include a partnership with another elementary or secondary school.*

- Partnerships between at least two schools with a joint application for Food System activities at both the schools.
- Partnerships between a community organization and the applicant school(s).
- Concrete action projects for improving aspects of the Food System at the school.
- Creation of lesson plans around Food Systems that can be shared with other schools and interested parties.
- Involve a working **team of 3 or more** members in *each* school who are committed to work collaboratively for healthy and sustainable food systems at their school. This team may include teachers, administration, support staff, food service staff, maintenance staff, students, parents, or other community members. **At least one team member must be a teacher, administrator or other school staff member.**

- Demonstrate a commitment to initiatives that **make connections between different aspects of the school food system** and provide **opportunities for student learning and activities** such as growing, preparing and sharing food and managing food waste by composting.

Other Requirements of Think&EatGreen Schools

- Willingness to facilitate the involvement of UBC students in the development of food system activities and projects at your school.
- Willingness to participate in research aimed at developing a healthy and sustainable school food system, including, but not necessarily limited to:
 - Completion of a brief self-assessment survey of your school's food system health and sustainability;
 - Meeting with a Think&EatGreen@School research team member(s) during the school year, at your school, to share your school's experiences with implementing healthy and sustainable school food system initiatives.
- Willingness to provide a brief summary report, of less than 1000 words, providing an overview of your activities and reflections, and photos of your school's healthy and sustainable school food system activities, which the Think&EatGreen@School research team will use to create posters to be shared at large (e.g., displayed at schools, Vancouver School Board, UBC, and on the Think&EatGreen@School website). *Posters of past Think&EatGreen Schools are available at the following 2 links:*
<http://thinkeatgreen.ca/schools/elementary-schools/> & <http://thinkeatgreen.ca/schools/secondary-schools>
- Commitment to have at least one member of your school's working team participate in Think&EatGreen@School "Community of Learners" events, including:
 - Introductions and Information Night: Thursday, December 11, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
 - Participation in the Think&EatGreen@School final conference on February 19, 2015

Eligibility for Think&EatGreen@School Small Grants (up to \$2,000)

If you are eligible, these small grants are available to help you start-up, expand, or improve school projects in the areas of food production, food preparation, food waste management, and related teaching and learning activities. Some possible projects could include:

- Food production initiatives including food gardens and orchards
- Composting and other food waste management projects
- Cooking and other culinary / food preparation activities involving students
- Programs that establish links between schools and farms for healthier school meal programs and cafeteria menus and learning opportunities (including Farm to School), or otherwise provide healthy food for students
- Projects that connect food, health, and the environment across the curriculum and/or establish links between growing, preparing and eating food at school with new curriculum and ways of teaching and learning
- Artistic projects related to food system issues (including videos, multi-media, painting, music, theatrical productions)
- Projects that use digital media to tell the stories of students engaging with the sources of their food through growing, preparing and sharing food and managing food waste at school
- Workshops related to food system activities
- Celebrations around food (e.g. a food day or food week at school)

TO APPLY

Please ensure the following application form is complete and then email it to: info@thinkeatgreen.ca

The application form must include the signature of your school's Principal.

All applications must be received by **Friday, November 28, 2014 at midnight.**

Schools will be notified about their application by December 12, 2014.

Further questions or inquiries can be directed to info@thinkeatgreen.ca



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APPLICATION: Think&EatGreen@School Small Grants 2014-2015

Only Vancouver School Board schools are eligible to apply.

Only one application per school team partners. All applications must have approval of the schools' principal(s).

School Name: _____

Partner School/Community Name: _____

Info for Primary Contact

Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Grade Level/Courses Taught [when applicable]: _____

Info for Primary Contact at Partner School or Community Organization

Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Grade Level/Courses Taught [when applicable]: _____

Other Team Members Applying (please include full names, job titles, grade levels [when applicable], and subjects taught [when applicable] for team members). *Consider parents, community members, farmers, public health staff, or any other partnerships with community-based organizations that you may have.*

NAME	Job Title/Position/Role (Grade Level & Subjects if applicable)

What's already in place at your school? (Check the following and elaborate as needed)

☐ A school garden

☐ A school composting system

☐ A school cooking program

☐ A classroom component that integrates gardens, lunchrooms and connections to local farms

☐ A school lunch/meal program

☐ Other (please specify)

If applicable, what's already in place in your partner school? (Check the following and elaborate as needed)

☐ A school garden

☐ A school composting system

☐ A school cooking program

☐ A classroom component that integrates gardens, lunchrooms and connections to local farms

☐ A school lunch/meal program

☐ Other (please specify)

Please describe your work plan, including objectives, specific actions and timelines to achieve objectives, and associated budget.

OBJECTIVES	ACTIONS	TIMELINE	BUDGET ESTIMATE (\$)	Any other important comments/ notes
<i>Example: Implement school-wide composting</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research compost bin options 2. Obtain VSB approval of compost bin type and placement 3. Purchase supplies 4. Coordinate building event: secure volunteers, tools 5. Composting workshops for school community 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nov 2013 2. Jan 2014 3. Feb 2014 4. Mar 2014 5. Mar 2014 	\$800	
TOTAL BUDGET				

Briefly describe ways in which your school(s) will integrate academic curricula with school gardens, lunchrooms, classroom culinary experiences, connections to local farms and environmentally sustainable practices.

(Preference will be given to applicants that are interested in working with a partner school and/or community partner to connect student learning across the entire food cycle, from growing, cooking, and eating to disposing of food waste in a healthy and sustainable way).

How will you evaluate the success of your participation in this project?

If you have any other comments, please let us know here

Number of K-12 students in the school: _____

Number of K-12 students in partner school: _____

Estimated number of K-12 students who will benefit from the initiatives described: _____

Grant amount requested: _____

AGREEMENT TO BECOME A THINK&EATGREEN SCHOOL:

Our school team has reviewed the Think&EatGreen@School Small Grant Requirements and commits to the following:

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Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Partner School

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____