

GRANT PROGRAM FAQ

Thank you for your interest in the Sprouts Healthy Communities grant programs. Please carefully review this document to learn more about our grant programs. If you need additional assistance, email us at grants@sprouts.com. Our team will respond to questions related to grants and software within 72 hours.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FOUNDANT GRANT PORTAL

- 1. I'm not sure if I have an account and can't remember my login from previous grant applications.
 - The Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation transitioned to a new grants management software in March 2023. Please follow the "Forgot Your Password" process in the portal.
 If you do not receive password reset instructions, proceed with creating a new account.
- 2. I am new to my organization, but we have applied for a grant from Sprouts in the past, how do I access our previous applications.
 - Begin by creating your new account and answer all profile questions. Then email grants@sprouts.com with your name and organization. We will then add you to your organization's existing profile and you can view any request history.
- 3. I am receiving an error message from the grant portal or am having other issues navigating the platform.
 - For a tutorial navigating the grant portal visit here. For additional help troubleshooting, call the platforms support team at 877-297-0043.
- 4. The portal says I failed my eligibility quiz I am not sure why?
 - Organizations do not pass the eligibility quiz for a few reasons. Please review the common errors below. If you believe you made a mistake, please respond with your best guess as to why you did not pass, and our team will look into it.
 - Organizations applying must be located in a state where Sprouts stores
 operate. Check out our store locations <u>here</u>. <u>If you are not located in one of these states, then your program is not eligible for funding</u>.
 - Organizations must be either a public school or 501c3 nonprofit organization to apply for funding.
 - The Sprouting School Gardens Grant is intended to fund programs directly on school campuses. If you are running a garden or nutrition education program that is not a school campus, check out our Growing Healthy Kids Grant.
 - Organizations are eligible to apply for and receive funding from one of our grant programs. To save you time and effort, please apply to the grant that most directly aligns with your program's needs.

QUESTIONS ABOUT DIFFERENT GRANT TYPES

- 1. We are an SGSO and support many schools, do we apply for the Sprouting School Gardens Grant or Growing Healthy Kids Grant?
 - If you are looking for funding for a specific school site that hosts your program during the school day on the school campus, please apply for the Growing School Gardens Grant. If

your request is for program expenses across multiple program sites, apply for the Growing Healthy Kids Grant.

2. We are a school district or SGSO and want to have multiple schools in our program apply for the Growing School gardens Grant – should I make a new account for each school?

 Applicants can create and submit applications for multiple schools under the same parent account. This is ideal for School Districts and SGSO's who have multiple program sites within our Sprouts neighborhoods.

3. What will the grant funding cover?

 Grant funds are intended to cover direct program expenses. If you have indirect costs, such as grant administration fees, please include that in your budget for our consideration.

4. The application says programs must be in the communities Sprouts serve –what does this mean and is my program still eligible?

 Programs located in the states that Spouts stores operate in are eligible for funding. Ideal Sprouting School Garden Grant applicants are located within a 10-mile radius of the closest store so that we can help provide a meaningful connection between our team members and local school gardening programs. Growing Healthy Kids and Wellness Across the Lifespan applicants can be statewide.

5. My organization would like to apply for a Healthy Communities or Impact Grant, how do I access that application?

 Healthy Communities and Impact Grants are by invitation only and focused on organizations that strongly align with the Foundation's strategic plan. At this time, all 2025 Impact Grant and Healthy Communities Grant partners have been selected.

6. My organization has an upcoming event, and we would like Sprouts Farmers Market to sponsor the event or provide a gift card.

• All sponsorships and gift card requests must be submitted to our Donations Department. Visit our <u>donation application</u> to learn more.