
MEDIA RELEASE**Feb 25, 2026****Applications Now Open for the 2026 Gleaning Project Grant**

The Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council (CKFPC), in partnership with CK Public Health and Employment and Social Services, is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2026 Gleaning Project Grant.

Gleaning is the act of gathering leftover fruits and vegetables after the main harvest from local farms - food that is perfectly good to eat but would otherwise go to waste. These foods are then redistributed to food banks, soup kitchens, community meal programs, and other local organizations. By reducing food waste and strengthening access to food, the project plays an important role in supporting community food security across Chatham-Kent.

The CKFPC is seeking a **community agency** to lead and expand this important project for the coming year. The ideal partner will be community-focused, passionate about reducing food waste and improving food access, and excited to work with local farmers while coordinating volunteers for on-site gleaning activities.

Key Program Details:**Funding Available:** \$25,000**Application Deadline:** April 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.**Learn More and Apply:** [Chatham-Kent / Gleaning Project](#)

“Gleaning offers a practical, community-driven way to ensure more people in Chatham-Kent have consistent access to fresh, local food,” says Councillor Carmen McGregor, Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council Chair. “We are excited to partner with an agency that will continue to grow this impactful effort.”

The successful community agency will strengthen the local food system by reducing food waste and improving food access for residents across Chatham-Kent.

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