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Applications Are Now Open for Let's Move Pittsburgh Champion Schools Awards

Winning education centers will receive grants to fund existing or future healthy initiatives for children.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — [Let's Move Pittsburgh](#), a program of [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#), has opened the second round of applications in 2015 for the Let's Move Pittsburgh Champion Schools Awards. These grants award funding to early childcare centers, pre-kindergarten and elementary schools in Allegheny County for new and existing programs that promote children's health and well-being. Let's Move Pittsburgh hopes that these grants will inspire educators to encourage children to develop healthy physical and eating habits.

Projects eligible for funding through the Champion Schools Awards must meet at least one of the following goals:

- **Bag the Junk:** Remove unhealthy foods and increase healthy food and nutrition education in schools
- **Get Kids Moving:** Increase physical activity before, during and after the school day
- **Teach Kids to Grow and Cook Food:** Increase knowledge of how to grow and prepare healthy food

Educators, administrators, students, food service directors, school nurses and parents are eligible to apply for these awards on behalf of an early childhood center, pre-kindergarten or elementary school in Allegheny County. All applicants must receive permission from their school's principal to apply for funds. To apply, please fill out the online form at this link: <http://letsmovepittsburgh.org/champion>. Applications close Friday, Nov. 6 at midnight.

Let's Move Pittsburgh's Champion Schools grants are generously funded by [The Heinz Endowments](#).

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About Let's Move Pittsburgh: Modeled after First Lady Michelle Obama's national *Let's Move!* campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of healthy foods, increased exercise and decreased screen time — Let's Move Pittsburgh is a program of Phipps and a collaborative effort to improve the health of children in southwestern Pennsylvania.

About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance

of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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