

Chelsea Community Kitchen Kids Cooking Program – Year 7 Proposal

Request: \$2,365.40

In 2016 the Chelsea Community Kitchen piloted 2 new kids cooking programs: a winter after-school, 6 session cooking series for elementary grade children and a summer 'Chefs Club' for middle school kids who had aged out of the elementary programs. The after-school program has grown both in enrollment and content (with regard to cooking skills and applications) in just 2 years! However, our expenses have increased even though we keep a tight rein on the costs we can 'control'. And we have found that we need to hire assistants to help with instruction and group oversight in both programs because we simply do not have enough volunteers to help with all the tasks/activities associated with running the sessions (especially with increased enrollment). So the anticipated changes to the program are in additional funding needs for increased facility costs, printing/supply costs and hiring an assistant for the after-school program. We expect the program structure and overarching goals/content to remain the same, although the cooking theme and/or skills development will have a different focus but continue to build upon the base we established in the early years of the "camps".