

Growing Justice Fund 2025 Request for Proposals

Growing Justice Fund is a pooled fund that invests in efforts to solidify the leadership, dignity, and power of Tribal, Indigenous, Black, Latinx, Asian, and immigrant people to identify and drive solutions that expand the market for good food from locally- or regionally-owned, and environmentally- and economically-sustainable farms, ranches, fisheries, and food businesses. The Fund believes that community-serving institutions, such as schools, hospitals, and early childhood and elder care centers, that participate in large-volume food purchasing can serve as anchor markets, driving revenue to underserved food and farm businesses and supporting wealth-building in their communities.

The Vision

Growing Justice Fund envisions a future in which Tribal, Indigenous, Black, Latinx, Asian, and immigrant people (BIPOC+) engaged in food markets as suppliers, producers, distributors, workers, and eaters at community-serving institutions are economically and physically thriving thanks in part to efforts by community-serving institutions to prioritize equitable good food procurement, and are able to access larger percentages of food buying revenue. The Fund is designed to support the marginalized sector's entry into large-scale procurement opportunities, helping them gain economic viability and equitable access to opportunities.

Our Values

Health Equity and Racial Justice

Health equity and racial justice exist when everyone—regardless of race—has the opportunity to achieve their full potential for mental, physical, and social well-being, and no one is disadvantaged by systemic inequities or discrimination.

Economic Equity & Worker Justice

Economic equity and worker justice mean that all individuals and communities have access to safe, dignified employment, opportunities for business ownership, and the ability to build lasting economic stability and wealth.



Environmental & Food Justice

Environmental and food justice are realized when communities have the power to access, shape, and benefit from food systems that protect the planet, uphold the rights of food workers, combat environmental racism, support regenerative practices, and promote food sovereignty.

Definitions

Equitable Good Food Procurement by institutions is the purchasing of good food from locally or regionally owned, environmentally and economically sustainable farms, ranches, fisheries, and food businesses that prioritize the needs of low-income communities of color and treat workers with dignity. **The Growing Justice Fund supports institutional purchasing efforts that advance equitable good food procurement through community-serving institutions.** (See: *Community-Serving Institutions definition.*)

Good Food is affordable, nourishing, and culturally connected. It supports physical, economic, and community health, regenerates and respects natural resources and animals, and ensures that all people engaged in the value chain live with dignity and freedom from oppression and exploitation.

Food Chain refers to the people working in partnership to produce, distribute, and procure raw or value-added foods. It includes farmers, ranchers, fishers, suppliers, producers, food hubs, distributors, cooperatives, front-line food workers, organizers, advocacy groups, and the assistance groups that support them. It also includes large institutions, such as schools, agencies, and hospitals, that purchase food. The Growing Justice Fund supports work across the food chain with values aligned with the Fund.

Community-Serving Institutions refer to large organizations that procure substantial volumes of food and related products to serve their communities. These include, but are not limited to, public and private institutions such as schools, universities, hospitals, early childhood education centers, elder care centers, and government agencies (e.g., municipal, county, and Tribal government entities). These institutions serve as anchor markets with significant purchasing power to drive revenue to food and farm businesses and support wealth-building within marginalized communities.

Intermediaries refer to entities that play a critical role in bridging the gap between producers, such as farmers, ranchers, or food makers, and institutional buyers like schools, hospitals, and other community-serving institutions. Intermediaries may include food hubs, aggregators, distributors, processors, or cooperatives that provide essential services such as aggregation, storage, transportation, marketing, technical assistance, and compliance support (e.g., food safety certification). In the context



of equitable good food procurement, effective intermediaries are values-aligned organizations that are accountable to BIPOC+ producers and communities and are committed to advancing racial and economic equity across the food chain. The Growing Justice Fund prioritizes intermediaries that serve as bridges—not gatekeepers—advancing equity by helping build capacity that grows and stays within communities over time. We especially value intermediaries that are positioned to become long-term partners along the food chain, helping ensure that infrastructure, ownership, and leadership remain rooted in the communities they serve.

Culturally Connected food reflects and respects the traditions, preferences, and identities of the communities it is rooted in. It honors ancestral knowledge, preparation methods, and ingredients that are meaningful to peoples' histories, geographies, and sense of belonging. Culturally connected food supports self-determination, fosters community pride, and plays a role in restoring relationships to land, health, and heritage.

The Problem

While community-serving institutions—such as schools, hospitals, and senior centers—[spend billions annually](#) on food purchasing, the benefits of these contracts have been largely bypassed small- and mid-size producers, especially Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, and immigrant producers.

These industries and institutions have historically excluded communities of color from the relationships, infrastructure, policy, and capital needed to access and thrive in institutional markets. As a result, the producers most connected to the cultural and dietary needs of communities are often least represented in the food chains that feed them.

Current federal policy challenges—such as attacks on SNAP and other nutrition assistance programs—further threaten food access for low-income communities while propping up industrial-scale food systems that often externalize harm onto workers, land, and local economies.

This initiative aims to address those disparities by investing in the capacity of historically marginalized food producers to access, compete in, and transform institutional markets ensuring that local, high-quality produce, products, and services from these communities can effectively enter the institutional procurement system. Importantly, it also acknowledges the non-monetized foodways of culturally intact communities, respecting how procurement is viewed not just as a business venture but as a means to restore health, culture, and land-based traditions.



By bridging these gaps and investing in both monetized and non-monetized systems, this work aims to reshape institutional procurement to be more inclusive and equitable, ensuring that historically marginalized communities are positioned as key players in feeding their own communities and beyond.

Funding Opportunity Announcement

Awards of \$25,000 to \$250,000 are available to support community leaders working to advance the Growing Justice Fund's vision through **Planning** and **Implementation Grants**.

Growing Justice Fund supports community organizations working in any of the following three areas:

(1) Building Infrastructure for good food procurement. Support for strengthening the entire food chain that connects directly to institutional purchasing, namely diverse good food producers, manufacturers, aggregators, small processors, and distributors **to enter the institutional market and/or expand their business with institutions**. These entities should be dedicated to specific community-serving institutions. Some examples of this work include:

- Supporting formal partnerships between community-serving institutions or other intermediaries with small diverse producers to aggregate products, enabling them to scale up and secure larger institutional contracts.
- Providing targeted support to diverse farmer collaborations to obtain the necessary certifications required by institutional procurement markets.
- Investing in infrastructure such as food hubs, which play a critical role in connecting diverse farmers, processors, and social entrepreneurs with institutional markets. These hubs create the logistical backbone for aggregating, processing, and distributing local, high-quality foods.
- Empowering farm and food chain workers from marginalized communities by supporting worker-ownership initiatives and cooperatives, fostering equity and leadership in advancing good food procurement at institutional levels.
- Offering tools, resources, and technical training to help diverse producers and food businesses prepare for institutional procurement systems. This includes providing support in food safety certification, insurance, acquiring essential equipment, transportation, refrigeration, and other services critical for scaling their operations and meeting institutional needs.

Note: While we prioritize initiatives that engage large institutional buyers or include a pathway toward scaling to such institutions, we recognize that infrastructure projects may need greater flexibility and can include efforts targeted at smaller institutions if they are part of a larger system-building strategy.



(2) Building policy action through grassroots organizing and advocacy for good food procurement.

Support for community coalitions and organizations that build grassroots power to educate, engage, and mobilize communities in support of equitable food systems. This includes efforts that inform and influence public awareness, institutional practices, and educate government decision-makers around good food procurement. We prioritize efforts that integrate two or more of the Growing Justice Fund's core values—**Health Equity and Racial Justice**, **Economic Equity and Worker Justice**, and **Environmental and Food Justice**—into their policy goals and strategies. Funding may support both the process of organizing and capacity-building, the development and dissemination of resources and tools that inform policy conversations and institutional change, and the tangible policy outcomes being pursued. Some examples include:

- Developing or strengthening local, state, or Tribal coalitions and/or organizations focused on raising awareness and building support around government policies to establish good food purchasing in specific institutions, such as:
 - Building community-led campaigns that educate stakeholders and the public about opportunities to shift food procurement policies with local school districts toward sourcing from local, sustainable, and socially responsible producers.
 - Engaging local, state, and Tribal governments to explore and encourage the adoption of food procurement guidelines that prioritize environmentally sustainable, ethically produced, and regionally sourced food.
- Organizing and educating workers or other value chain actors to demand fair and equitable practices in institutional food chains.
- Providing training and educational resources to institutional administrators and staff responsible for implementing good food procurement policies, ensuring they have the tools and knowledge to align purchasing practices with equitable and sustainable food system goals.
- Developing and sharing research, stories, evidence, and messaging of good food purchasing's social and environmental impact, for use in public discourse and policy campaigns.

Note: We are especially interested in policy work that is driven by grassroots organizing and community leadership, while also being in partnership with community-serving institutions, with clear processes for engagement and measurable steps toward equitable outcomes, and that strategically plan for scale, including campaigns that begin at the local level and are designed to grow across institutions or jurisdictions over time, building toward systemic change.

Please note: **Funding may not be used for lobbying.** Activities should be focused on education, community engagement, nonpartisan research, and institutional practice change.



(3) Cultivating Traditional Food Pathways to build community wealth within Tribal Nations. Support for the leadership, knowledge, and self-determined priorities of Tribal Nations in advancing food sovereignty, traditional foodways, and community wealth. While Tribal-led efforts may intersect with infrastructure development and policy advocacy, this focus area exists to center the unique governance structures, intergenerational knowledge, and nation-to-nation relationships that shape Tribal food systems. Funding supports both inter- and intra-Tribal efforts to increase food production, strengthen distribution, and reclaim culturally rooted food practices—both within Tribal communities and through partnerships that benefit Native peoples served by non-Tribal institutions. Examples include:

- Investing in Tribal Nation producers to provide more food to their community through their Tribal government or other community institutions;
- Collaborating across Tribal Nations to establish regional food hubs that facilitate sharing resources, knowledge, and distribution infrastructure to increase food sovereignty and access.
- Supporting inter-Tribal partnerships for seed-saving initiatives and traditional food preservation techniques to enhance local food production and cultural foodways.
- Creating alliances with non-Tribal institutions (schools, hospitals, etc.) to purchase and distribute Indigenous-produced foods and promote culturally-connected and nourishing foods in those institutions.

Note: Tribal-led initiatives under this category may also advance infrastructure and/or policy goals (see priorities #1 and #2), and applicants are encouraged to define their work based on what best reflects their Nation's or community's priorities.

Grant Types and Distinctions

Planning Grants

The Growing Justice Fund Planning Grant is a **one-time award of up to \$25,000** intended to support the early stages of project development. It helps farmers, organizations, coalitions, and businesses develop comprehensive action plans for their initiatives, laying the groundwork for future implementation.

Key activities supported by Planning Grants include:

- **Strategic Research and Development:** Funding to explore opportunities, assess needs, and identify solutions to barriers in equitable food procurement.



- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Support for developing key relationships critical to the project's success.
- **Partnership Building:** Resources for formal collaborations across sectors, including producers, institutions, and advocacy groups. Planning Grants may also support the early phases of coalition-building, grassroots power development, and base-building strategies that lay the groundwork for scaling up institutional policy and procurement campaigns.
- **Project Planning:** Assistance in creating detailed project plans, financial projections, and partnerships.
- **Organizational Development:** Strengthening leadership skills, securing technical expertise, and preparing for implementation.
- **Budget Development:** Guidance in creating a comprehensive budget using templates.
- **Feasibility Studies:** Conducting market analysis, resource mapping, and financial modeling to assess project viability.

By the end of the planning phase, grantees will have a well-defined project plan, partnerships, and deliverables, positioning them for future **Implementation Grants**.*

**Please note:* Receiving a planning grant does not guarantee an implementation grant, but it positions applicants to be more competitive and better prepared for success in future funding opportunities. The planning grant is a key step in building the groundwork for effective, community-driven initiatives that advance equitable food procurement and empower historically marginalized communities.

Implementation Grants

Implementation Grants are designed to support the full execution of projects aimed at advancing equitable food procurement and building infrastructure within the food system. These grants range from **\$50,000 to \$250,000** and are available to organizations with a clear project plan and existing partnerships ready to scale their initiatives.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Eligible applicants include community-led organizations, community-based organizations, Tribal Nations, or the instrumentalities of Tribal Nations, and other leaders that are:

- Actively engaged in a community coalition and/or partnerships to advance good food purchasing practices and policies with institutions in the community



- Actively engaged in the food chain with values aligned with the Fund and
- Committed to transforming the food system by:
 - Working together with other organizations in the food chain or
 - Seeking to build partnerships with other organizations in the food chain.

The Growing Justice Fund seeks to support organizations that have been active in the food chain for at least the past two years* and organizations that have existing partnerships or aspire to build partnerships with others in the food chain.

*While we encourage applicants with at least two years of engagement in the food chain, this eligibility criterion is not required for planning grant applicants. The planning grant will be accessible to smaller organizations, emerging coalitions, and those in the process of movement-building in food chain development who need technical assistance to be aligned with GJF goals.

Current Limitations

Please note that the Growing Justice Fund is *not* currently funding the following types of organizations:

- Organizations primarily working on school gardens or community gardens as a source of direct-to-consumer food production.
- Organizations whose primary function is operating a food pantry, food bank, or emergency food distribution program (e.g., distributing food boxes directly to individuals or households) are not eligible for this opportunity. Organizations that leverage charitable food infrastructure (e.g., storage, trucking) to support community-serving institutional purchasing efforts—such as with schools or early childcare providers—may still be eligible and are encouraged to apply.
- Projects that do not actively work to advance good food procurement through institutions or Tribal government.
- Organizations that are NOT registered as 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government equivalent. Eligible applicants must be recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), government equivalent, or fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity. Collaborations between 501(c)(3) or equivalent entities and non 501(c)(3) entities are encouraged. Such partners may participate as partners or sub-contractors within a project, as long as the lead applicant is an eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government equivalent.



- Organizations that are NOT based in and work in the United States, U.S. territories (e.g., Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands), or on Native land recognized as part of a sovereign Tribal Nation.
- Organizations looking to distribute mini-grants to grantees.

While we recognize the critical value these organizations often bring to their communities, the Growing Justice Fund is currently prioritizing work that catalyzes systemic change in the institutional food system and benefits producers and workers who rely on food production and distribution as a central aspect of their economic well-being.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 14th, 5 pm PT/8 pm ET

Eligibility Quiz Deadline: Monday, October 6th, 5 pm PT/8 pm ET

How to Apply

Grantseekers must complete the **Eligibility Quiz** to determine eligibility and receive an invitation to apply. If your organization is a fit based on your responses, you will be redirected to the application. Grantseekers are encouraged to complete the Eligibility Quiz by **Monday, October 6, 2025**, to allow ample time to apply. Grantseekers who have specific questions about their eligibility may submit their questions through the Eligibility Quiz and will receive a response within 1-2 business days.

We ask that you complete the Eligibility Quiz honestly and refrain from submitting an application if you do not meet the eligibility criteria. Submitting an ineligible application places a burden not just on our small team, but also on your team's time and energy. As this is a competitive grant process, we recognize that no single fund can be everything for everyone—and we do not want you to feel the need to reshape your work just to fit this singular opportunity. Please visit our [FAQ section](#) for other funding sources and opportunities that may be better aligned with your organizational goals.

Si desea solicitar el Fondo en un idioma distinto del inglés, póngase en contacto con support@growingjusticefund.org para obtener información sobre la solicitud en el idioma específico.

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Frequently Asked Questions

HOW CAN MY ORGANIZATION GAIN FISCAL SPONSORSHIP?

Eligible grantseekers may need fiscal sponsorship to apply. The Growing Justice Fund has compiled resources for finding and selecting an appropriate fiscal sponsor.

DIRECTORIES

- Fiscal Sponsor Directory.org is a database of fiscal sponsors that is searchable by geography and specialty areas, including [communities of color](#), [environment/sustainability](#), [food security](#), [social justice](#), etc. The database is in the process of being updated.
- [The National Network of Fiscal Sponsors](#) has a [member directory](#) with fiscal sponsors working on charitable and educational activities nationwide. Be sure to click "Show More" at the bottom of the page to see the full selection.
- Local community foundations are often helpful in receiving or connecting to fiscal sponsors. [The Council of Foundations](#) maintains a [database of community foundations](#) that is searchable by geography.

HOW-TO

- [Find a Fiscal Sponsor that Fits](#) (Candid 2016) offers a simple overview of how to find a fiscal sponsor.
- [How to Find a Fiscal Sponsor](#), Nonprofit Law Blog (Neo Law Group 2020) provides a helpful list of 15 signs of a good fiscal sponsor for entities seeking fiscal sponsor support.
- [What is fiscal sponsorship?](#) by Candid provides a detailed overview of how to find a fiscal sponsor.
- [Fiscal Sponsorship – Useful Information and Tips](#), Adler & Colvin, 2019 provide more nuanced information for those with specific questions.

IS MY ORGANIZATION A GOOD FIT FOR GROWING JUSTICE FUND'S GRANTMAKING?

All eligible grantseekers are considered a "good fit" for Growing Justice Fund's grantmaking and are encouraged to apply. To determine your eligibility, we strongly encourage you to complete the [Eligibility](#)



[Quiz](#) as a first step. For more information, please review the “Who is Eligible to Apply” section. We also recommend reviewing “Our Funding Priorities” listed in the announcement and on our website: www.growingjusticefund.org.

Three informational webinars will be held for grantseekers in September. Registration information for each webinar is included below. Each webinar will discuss eligibility criteria and how to submit a complete and effective application aligned with the vision, values, and purpose of the Growing Justice Fund. Each webinar will be slightly focused around one of our three priority areas—we highly recommend you attend the one that best fits your priority area, however you are welcome to attend any session(s) you would like. A recording of the webinar will be available to all registrants. Click below to register.

- [Policy + Organizing](#): Tuesday, September 9th, 11am-12pm ET
- [Infrastructure](#): Thursday, September 11th, 3-4pm ET
- [Tribal Food Systems](#): Monday, September 15th, 3-4pm ET

AS A LARGE INSTITUTION, SUCH AS A HOSPITAL OR SCHOOL, AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Large institutions—such as schools, hospitals, and public agencies—are strongly encouraged to partner with an applicant who meets the eligibility criteria and will serve as the project lead.

Please refer to our “Who is Eligible to Apply” section for more specific eligibility information.

AS A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Yes, with a partner. Organizations that are NOT registered as 501(c)(3) nonprofit or government equivalent. Eligible applicants must be recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), government equivalent, or fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity.

Social enterprises—such as small food production or distribution businesses—are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please refer to our “Who is Eligible to Apply” section for more specific eligibility information.



WHAT CAN GROWING JUSTICE FUND FUNDS BE USED FOR?

Growing Justice Fund funds are guided by the limits to philanthropic funding of tax-exempt organizations, such as 501c3 organizations. The Growing Justice Fund aims to support community-defined needs and has not imposed additional restrictions at this time. Applicants are encouraged to include information about how proposed activities will support equitable good food purchasing in service to the vision and values of the [Growing Justice Fund](http://www.growingjusticefund.org).

WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT DATES FOR GRANTMAKING?

Applications are due **Tuesday, October 14th, at 5 pm PT/8 pm ET**.

Grant seekers are strongly encouraged to complete the Eligibility Quiz by **Monday, October 6th, at 5 pm PT/8 pm ET** to allow ample time to receive an invitation and submit an application.

The Growing Justice Fund aims to select grantees by **mid-December** and publicly announce grantees by **early January 2026**.

HOW LONG IS THE GRANT PERIOD?

Growing Justice Fund grants can be issued for 1-2 years for implementation grants and up to one year for planning grants. Applicants should specify the requested time duration in their proposals.

WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT APPLYING AS PART OF A MULTI-ORGANIZATIONAL TEAM OR PARTNERSHIP?

Many grantseekers will work with partners across the food chain to submit proposals to advance equitable good food purchasing. We applaud these efforts! These grantseekers should ensure that the project lead meets all the eligibility criteria and that the partners are listed as part of the "team" in the application.



WHAT ARE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDED GRANTEES?

The Growing Justice Fund is actively adjusting our reporting requirements for 2025 grantees. Reporting will include a limited narrative report and quantitative metrics self-selected by grantees, budget, and virtual check-ins and/or onsite visits as determined. For further information or clarification, please contact support@growingjusticefund.org.

DOES THE FUND SUPPORT FUNDING FOR EFFORTS FOCUSED ON THE LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING ASSISTANCE (LFPA) PROGRAM?

Yes, if the work involves organizations whose primary function is NOT operating a food pantry, food bank, or emergency food distribution program (e.g., distributing food boxes directly to individuals or households).

The Growing Justice Fund is focused on building infrastructure for equitable food procurement that shifts power dynamics in the food system. We prioritize projects that create long-term, systemic change by helping BIPOC producers engage with sustainable, market-driven opportunities, particularly through institutions like schools and hospitals, rather than relying solely on charitable food systems.

That said, organizations, including farmer groups and aggregators, that have been selling into the LFPA program are welcome to apply as long as they also work with or target institutional markets outside of charitable food as a long-term strategy and seek funding for that particular portion of their work. Our focus is on projects that help BIPOC producers engage in institutional purchasing channels that generate lasting economic impact while embodying equitable good food values (e.g., environmentally-conscious, fair/safe labor standards and wages, etc.).

DOES THE FUND SUPPORT FARM TO SCHOOL INITIATIVES SUCH AS TASTE TESTING OR SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAMS?

No.

While our grant program may support projects operating within school settings or involving farm to school components, our primary focus is on significant, sustained institutional purchasing—not on



educational or promotional activities alone (such as taste tests or school garden visits). We are seeking to fund efforts that result in meaningful, recurring procurement relationships—based on two or more of our values (link)—that support values-based food chains and deliver real economic benefit to producers.

Some farm to school initiatives do engage in larger-scale purchasing and may qualify if they demonstrate ongoing, high-volume commitments (not just one-off pilots or small discretionary buys). We encourage applicants to describe how their work supports consistent, equitable market access for producers through institutional contracts or purchasing programs that go beyond classroom engagement.

DOES THE FUND SUPPORT DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER OR DIRECT MARKET PROGRAMS?

No.

Our grant program does not fund direct-to-consumer or direct market efforts such as farmers markets, CSAs, or sales to individual restaurants or small retailers. Our focus is on institutional procurement—defined as high-volume, values-based purchasing by entities like schools, hospitals, correctional facilities, food banks, or other public/private institutions.

That said, we recognize that in some cases, what might appear to be a direct market channel, such as a restaurant or community food business, may act as an intermediary within an institutional purchasing chain. For example, a mission-driven restaurant or caterer may aggregate food from local producers and deliver it to a school district, hospital, or other institution under a larger procurement contract. In such cases, the work may be eligible if there is a clear connection to institutional buyers and a demonstrated impact on sustained purchasing from producers.

WHERE DOES THE GROWING JUSTICE FUND PROVIDE FUNDING?

The Growing Justice Fund supports work that takes place within the United States, U.S. territories (such as Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), or on Native land recognized as part of a sovereign Tribal Nation.* We are unable to fund work outside of these regions.

**Note: We recognize and respect the sovereignty of Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples whose ancestral and current homelands may not align with U.S.-defined borders.*



BASED ON OUR REVIEW OF THE RFP AND/OR COMPLETION OF THE ELIGIBILITY QUIZ, WE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. ARE THERE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND FOR US TO APPLY TO?

Thank you for your interest in the Growing Justice Fund. While you may not be eligible for this specific opportunity, we deeply value the work you are doing. We encourage you to stay connected with us, as we occasionally share new funding opportunities and resources that align with our mission. In the meantime, you may find relevant opportunities through broader platforms like: [JustFund](#) and [Philanthropy News Digest](#). You're also welcome to sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media if you'd like to stay on our radar for future opportunities or collaborations.

Additional Funding Opportunities:

- **Ben & Jerry's Foundation:** [National Grassroots Organizing Program](#)
- **Black Farmer Fund:** [Rapid Response Fund](#)
- **Chef Ann Foundation:** [Open Applications](#)
- **The Claneil Foundation:** [Emerging Leaders Fund \(Mid-Atlantic + New England\)](#)
- **Clif Family Foundation:** [Open Call \(March and August\)](#)
- **Crossroads Fund:** [Community Resilience Fund \(Chicago\)](#)
- **Dirt Capital Partners:** [Farmer Investment Funds](#)
- **Emergent Fund:** [Rapid Response Organizing Funds](#)
- **Healthy Eating Research:** [Rapid Response Projects](#)
- **Henry P. Kendall Foundation:** [New England Food Vision Prize](#)
- **First Nations Development Institute:** [Grantmaking](#)
- **Nathan Cummings Foundation:** [Letters of Inquiry \(October 2025\)](#)
- **Native American Philanthropy:** [Grant Watch](#)
- **New Venture Advisors:** [Good Food Funding Guide](#)



- *Note: Grants categorized under “nutrition” and “food insecurity” (e.g., Community Food Projects) are likely examples of work that is not strongly aligned with Growing Justice Fund’s priorities.*
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:** [Open Opportunities](#)
- **Stanley 1913:** [Creators Fund](#)

