

## GROWING JUSTICE FUND AWARDS NEARLY \$5 MILLION TO 38 COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVES SUPPORTING VALUES-BASED GOOD FOOD PURCHASING

*38 grants found community alliances, local and Tribal producers, food distributors, and food businesses reaching children, families, and communities.*

[February 2, 2026] – For the 2025 grant cycle, the Growing Justice Fund awarded a mix of **Planning Grants and Implementation Grants**, with grant amounts ranging from **\$10,000 to \$250,000**. These investments support projects that strengthen engagement with **community-serving anchor institutions**—including schools, hospitals, and elder care facilities—that hold significant purchasing power and can drive meaningful economic and social benefits for historically marginalized communities.

“The 2025 Growing Justice Fund grantees reflect the strength, creativity, and leadership of communities building food systems rooted in equity and self-determination. These 38 organizations are advancing values-based purchasing in ways that center community needs, honor cultural foodways, and create lasting pathways for economic opportunity. This funding represents the collective commitment to support the impactful work these grantees will lead in the year ahead.” – **Ricardo Tonatiuh Rocha, Growing Justice Fund**

The 2025 grants align with the Growing Justice Fund’s **three priority areas**:

- **Infrastructure:** Building and strengthening systems that enable equitable food purchasing, including support for historically disadvantaged producers, food hubs, and institutional partnerships.
- **Policy and Organizing:** Supporting grassroots organizing, educational policy advocacy, and capacity-building efforts that align institutional food purchasing practices with community-defined priorities.
- **Traditional Food Pathways:** Advancing food sovereignty within Tribal Nations by supporting traditional foodways, local food economies, and community-led approaches to Native food systems.



The 2025 grantees are advancing a wide range of initiatives—from expanding food hubs and forging new partnerships with anchor institutions to advocating for policy change and strengthening Tribal food sovereignty—collectively contributing to a more equitable and resilient institutional food system.

*"Resources from the Growing Justice Fund will enable us to evolve nearly 15 years of Good Food procurement efforts in Los Angeles by strategically aligning policy, practice, and capital across the supply chain. With this project, we aim to establish a regional procurement model that fosters a coordinated network of values-based food hubs, retailers, anchor institutions, and local producers creating steady markets that sustain local food and fair jobs."*

- Los Angeles Food Policy Council

**List of 2025 Grantees:**

Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute, Apsaalooke Abundance is Here, Arizona Border Alliance, Black Farmers United-NYS, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Buffalo Authority Corp (CRBAC), Co-op Dayton, Community Food Advocates, Corporación Juvenil para el Desarrollo de Comunidades Sostenibles/AgroInnova, Elements of Internal Movement, Endazhi-Nitaawiging Charter School, Farmer, Foodshare, Food Chain Workers Alliance, Good Farm Fund, Hall Hunger Initiative, Ho Chunk Community Capital, Inc., Hookuaaina, Just Purchasing Consortium, Kheprw Institute, Los Angeles Food Policy Council, Louden Tribe, Mālama Kaua'i, Monte Azul Inc, New Connecticut Farmer Alliance, New Season Community Development Corporation, No More Empty Pots, Oceanic Ascent Education Inc. AKA Guahan Sustainable Culture, Pittsburgh Food Policy Council, Plant It Forward, Presente! Maine, Pueblo Unido CDC, Real Food Challenge, Rebuilding Broken Places CDC, Saba Grocers Initiative, Salt City Harvest Farm Inc., Southside Community Land Trust, Texas Small Farmers & Ranchers-CBO, Toohnii Binaneest?ą? Altaas?éí Alliance (ToohBAA), YAKANAL,

For more information about the Growing Justice Fund and the full list of 2025 grantees, please visit: [growingjusticefund.org/grantees/?y=2025](http://growingjusticefund.org/grantees/?y=2025).

The Growing Justice Fund invites donors to join us in supporting transformative efforts to create an equitable, community-centered food system. By investing in the leadership and resilience of historically marginalized communities, we are fostering economic opportunity, sustainability, and justice across the



food value chain. Your support enables the expansion of this critical work, driving systemic change through infrastructure development, policy advocacy, and community-led solutions. Together, we can amplify the impact of these initiatives and ensure a future where good food benefits everyone. To learn more about funding opportunities or to partner with us, please visit [www.growingjusticefund.org](http://www.growingjusticefund.org) or contact [support@growingjusticefund.org](mailto:support@growingjusticefund.org).

The Growing Justice Fund extends sincere thanks to our Advisory Committee and funders for their unwavering support in advancing our mission. Visit our website to learn more about the individuals and organizations behind this work: [growingjusticefund.org/who-we-are](http://growingjusticefund.org/who-we-are).

#### **About the Growing Justice Fund:**

The 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. It believes that community-serving institutions that participate in large-volume food purchasing, such as schools, hospitals, and early childhood and elder care centers, can serve as anchor markets that drive revenue to underserved food and farm businesses and support wealth-building in their communities. The Growing Justice Fund is housed at the Amalgamated Charitable Foundation.

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