

## Federal Grants

Program	Community Food Projects (CFP)	Community Facilities (CF) Loans and Grants	Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)	Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program (FINI)	Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI) Community Economic Development (CED) Grants
<b>Objectives</b>	Promote self-sufficiency and food security, and provide comprehensive, community-based solutions in low-income communities.	Provide loans, grant and loan guarantees for essential community facilities in rural areas.  Eligible projects include construction of farmers market structures and community facilities, such as gardens and kitchens.	Develop and expand direct-to-consumer outlets, especially those that serve low-income communities or areas.	Provide point-of-sale incentives to increase SNAP participants' fruit and vegetable purchases.  Test strategies of increasing SNAP participants' fruit and vegetable purchases.  Inform future efforts and develop benefit redemption technologies.	Fund farmers markets, food hubs and other healthy food projects that create jobs and business development opportunities in low income communities, especially food deserts.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Nonprofits, tribal organizations, and food program service providers.	Nonprofits, public entities, and tribal governments in areas with fewer than 20,000 residents.  Applicants must be unable to obtain needed funds from commercial sources at reasonable rates and terms.	Agricultural businesses, cooperatives, networks and associations; CSA networks, local and tribal governments; nonprofits; public benefit corporations; economic development corporations; and regional farmers market authorities.	Nonprofit organizations and government agencies with support of the state SNAP agency are eligible.	Community development corporations (CDCs) and community development financial institutions (CDFIs).
<b>Total Funding</b>	\$9 million	Varies	\$15 million	\$20 million	Up to \$20 million

<b>Typical Grant Size</b>	\$10,000 to \$300,000	Depends upon the median household income and the population in the community where the project is located.	\$15,000 to \$100,000	Up to \$100,000 for one-year projects.Up to \$500,000 for projects of up to four years.\$500,000+ for projects of up to four years.	\$100,000 to \$800,000
<b>Length of Funded Projects</b>	1 to 5 years	Varies	Up to 2 years	1 to 4 years	Up to 3 years for non-construction projects and 5 years for construction projects.
<b>Match Required</b>	100%	25%+	0%	100%	0%
<b>Application Open Date</b>	2/19/2015	N/A	3/16/2015	Fall 2015	1/3/2015
<b>Application Due Date</b>	3/17/2015	N/A	5/14/2015	USDA is aiming for November at the latest.	4/24/2015
<b>Application Information</b>	<a href="#">2015 Request for Applications</a>	<a href="#">Contact info for local Rural Development offices to apply</a>	<a href="#">2014 Request for Applications</a>	<a href="#">2014/15 Request for Applications</a>	<a href="#">2015 Request for Applications</a>
<b>Resources</b>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a> <a href="#">Nation-wide Grant-Writing Trainings</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>
<b>Previously Funded Projects</b>	<a href="#">CFP Awards</a>	N/A	<a href="#">FMPP Awards</a>	<a href="#">N/A Examples of pre-FINIP incentive programs.</a>	<a href="#">HFFI Awards</a>
<b>Agency</b>	USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA Rural Development	USDA Agricultural Marketing Service	USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture	Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Services

## State Grants

Program	Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)	State and Local Healthy Food Financing Programs	State Specialty Crop Block Grants (SCBG)
<b>Objectives</b>	Assist states explore new market opportunities through research and innovation.	Varies	Support projects that enhance the competitiveness of fruits and vegetables.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	State Departments of Agriculture, State agricultural experiment stations, and other appropriate State agencies.	Varies	Varies by state.
<b>Total Funding</b>	\$1.2 million	Varies	\$72.5 million
<b>Typical Grant Size</b>	\$25,000 to \$135,000, typically \$60,000 each.	Varies	Varies
<b>Length of Funded Projects</b>	Up to 2 years.	Varies	Varies. States are awarded grants for 3 years.
<b>Match Required</b>	100%	Varies	Varies
<b>Application Information</b>	Contact your State Agency, University or Extension Service to Apply.	Varies	<a href="#">Contact your State Agency to Apply.</a> <a href="#">Or Find your State's Request for Grant Proposals.</a>
<b>Resources</b>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	<a href="#">Directory of State and Local Policies and Programs</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>
<b>Previously Funded Projects</b>	<a href="#">Grant Awards</a>	<a href="#">Example Projects</a>	<a href="#">Grant Awards</a>
<b>Agency</b>	State Departments of Agriculture	Various Sources	State Departments of Agriculture

## Federal SNAP EBT Funding

Program	Farmers Market SNAP Support Grants	FMC Free SNAP EBT Equipment Program	MarketLink
<b>Objectives</b>	Increase SNAP client accessibility and participation at farmers markets, and support the establishment, expansion, and promotion of SNAP EBT services at farmers markets.	Provide eligible farmers markets and direct marketing farmers with free electronic benefit transfer (EBT) equipment necessary to process Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.	Provide eligible farmers markets and direct marketing farmers with free electronic benefit transfer (EBT) equipment necessary to process Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	Farmers market organizations and associations, non--profit entities, state, local and tribal nations and other organizations engaged in farmers market management	Farmers markets and direct marketing farmers (who sell at one or more farmers markets) who became SNAP-authorized before Nov. 18, 2011 and either do not possess functioning EBT equipment or possess EBT equipment that they received before May 2, 2012.	Farmers markets who became SNAP-authorized on or after Nov.18th, 2011, and direct-marketing farmers who have not been SNAP authorized and sell at one or more markets that has not or will not accept SNAP in 2015.
<b>Total Funding</b>	\$3.3 million	\$700,000	\$2 million
<b>Typical Funding</b>	\$15,000 to \$250,000	Covers costs of SNAP EBT equipment and service fees including set up costs, monthly statement fees, and wireless fees.	Covers costs of smartphone or tablet-based SNAP EBT equipment and some fees including wireless service for 2 years.
<b>Application Open Date</b>	5/5/2015	2/17/2015	Open
<b>Application Due Date</b>	6/18/2015	First-Come, First-Served.	9/1/2015
<b>Application Information</b>	<a href="#">Request for Applications</a>	<a href="#">Application Form</a>	<a href="#">Eligibility Assessment</a>
<b>Resources</b>	<a href="#">Grant Announcement</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>
<b>Agency</b>	USDA Food and Nutrition Service.	USDA Food and Nutrition Service and Farmers Market Coalition.	USDA Food and Nutrition Service and National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs.

## Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs that Benefit Farmers Markets

Program	Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)	Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)	Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Cash Value Vouchers (CVV)
<b>Overview</b>	Provides low-income Americans over age 60 with \$20 to \$50 in coupons to spend directly with farmers market vendors to purchase unprocessed fruits, vegetables, honey, and fresh-cut herbs.	Provides low-income young and expecting mothers with \$10 to \$30 in coupons to spend directly with farmers market vendors.	Provides low-income young and expecting mothers with \$10 in coupons per month and eligible children with \$8 in coupons per month to purchase produce at approved retailers.
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>Provide fresh, nutritious food to low-income seniors.</p> <p>Increase the consumption of agricultural commodities.</p> <p>Develop and expand farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.</p>	<p>Increase WIC participants' consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.</p> <p>Increase awareness and support of local agriculture.</p>	<p>Improve WIC participants' access to fresh fruits and vegetables.</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria to Accept Benefits as Payment</b>	To accept SFMNP benefits, farmers, farmers markets, and farm stands must be authorized by their state agency. The 43 state agencies linked to <a href="#">here</a> administer SFMNP. Eligibility criteria varies by state.	To accept FMNP benefits, farmers, farmers markets, and farm stands must be authorized by their state agency. The 36 state agencies linked to <a href="#">here</a> administer WIC FMNP. Eligibility criteria varies by state.	Low-income mothers and children receive WIC CVV checks to purchase fruits and vegetables. The 21 states and federal agencies linked to <a href="#">here</a> allow farmers and farmers markets to accept the checks.
<b>Total Funding</b>	\$20.6 million	\$16.5 million	~\$500 million
<b>Application Open Date</b>	Varies	Varies	N/A
<b>Application Due Date</b>	Typically late winter/early spring	Typically late winter/early spring	N/A
<b>Applying for Authorization</b>	<a href="#">Contact Your State Agency Here to Apply for Authorization.</a>	<a href="#">Contact Your State Agency Here to Apply for Authorization.</a>	<a href="#">Contact Your State Agency Here to Apply for Authorization.</a>
<b>Resources</b>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>	<a href="#">Program Overview</a>
<b>Agency</b>	USDA Food and Nutrition Service	USDA Food and Nutrition Service	USDA Food and Nutrition Service

## Additional Resources for Finding Funding Opportunities

[Healthy Food Access Portal](#) – Maintains a comprehensive list of current federal and state funding opportunities; be sure to look to local as well as national and regional foundations to ensure a broad base of grant support.

[Foundation Center's Foundation Directory](#) – A free search tool, providing public access to essential information about nearly 90,000 foundations including address and contact information, fields of interest, program areas, and fiscal information.

[FMC's Guide on Ten Ways to Fund your EBT Program](#) – An overview of different methods of funding SNAP EBT programs at farmers markets.

[FMC's Resource Library on Funding and Grants](#) – A collection of webinars, one-pagers and guides on raising funds for farmers markets and market programs.