



# VERMONTERS FEEDING VERMONTERS

Mini-Grant FY24



**Vermonters Feeding Vermonters (VfV)** is a program of the Vermont Foodbank that purchases high quality fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat and dairy directly from Vermont growers to share with people in our state facing hunger. Everyone in Vermont deserves access to the fresh, local food that our state has in such abundance. This innovative program provides neighbors facing hunger with fresh, local food while supporting the state's agricultural economy, an integral component of the Vermont way of life.



## VERMONTERS FEEDING VERMONTERS FUNDING REQUESTS

- This grant requires that all products you purchase must be grown in Vermont by a Vermont owned farm business.
- Funds can be used to purchase Vermont grown Fruits and Vegetables, Meat, Eggs, Dairy, Maple syrup and Honey directly from the farmer.
- When purchasing these products, you must ensure the farm you are purchasing from:
  - Has an established Vermont-based agricultural business where Vermont is the primary home of their business.
  - All products were grown and sourced in Vermont. (i.e. produce grown in Vermont and animals must be raised in Vermont, on Vermont farms).
- \*\*Funds cannot be used for additional farm stand items such as seasoning, pasta, pancake mix, or specialty, value-added, canned, processed items, etc.



## VFV THINGS TO CONSIDER

- With such an abundance of beautiful crops in Vermont, we encourage sites use 60% of their funding on a variety of fresh produce to distribute.
- We encourage you to partner with farmers who identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color.
- Work with a variety of farms
- Pay a fair market price to farmers. (i.e. wholesale, CSA, retail, or other non-discounted price points).
- Provide farmers with increased security of predictable sales, volumes, and prices.
- Be a committed partner that is flexible and responsive to the needs of Vermont farmers.



# PURCHASING IDEAS

- CSA Shares are a great way to purchase and receive variety of fresh produce weekly. Click here find a CSA share from a farm near you!: <https://nofavt.org/find-organic-local-food/csas>
- Farmers Markets are always a great place to purchase a variety of produce weekly: <https://nofavt.org/find-organic-local-food/farmers-markets>
- Food Connects based in Brattleboro sources food from over 120 small farms producers and has an online ordering system. Learn more, <https://www.foodconnects.org/>
- Email or Call Ruby if you are looking for assistance finding farms in your area to work with 802-249-7411, [rbertola@vtfoodbank.org](mailto:rbertola@vtfoodbank.org)