



VERMONTERS FEEDING VERMONTERS



Vermonters Feeding Vermonters (VFFV) 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 our neighbors with fresh, local food while supporting the state's agricultural economy, an integral component of the Vermont way of life.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

This grant requires that all products you purchase must be grown in Vermont by a Vermont owned farm business. Funds should be paid direct to farms and not be used at retail grocers. (Food hubs are allowable – reach out to Kyle with any questions).

Funds can be used to purchase Vermont grown **fruits and vegetables, meat, eggs, dairy, maple syrup, honey, cider, and vinegar** directly from the farmer.

When purchasing these products, you must ensure that:

- The farm 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.





CONSIDERATIONS

- With an abundance of beautiful crops in Vermont, we encourage sites use **60% of their funding on a variety of fresh produce** items to distribute.
- Provide Culturally Responsive or Preferred Foods to your neighbors, find resources [here](#) or contact us.
- We encourage you to partner with farmers who identify as **Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC)**, find resources [here](#) or contact us.
- Work with a **variety of farms** to share support.
- **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 Hubs in [Addison](#), [Brattleboro](#), [Burlington](#), [Hardwick](#), [Newport](#), and [Rutland](#) source food from small farm producers and have online ordering systems. Learn more at the links provided.



TIMELINE

- Application due: Friday, January 30th, 2026
- Application Review and Award Letters Sent: Mid-February
- Funding dispersed: Late February
- Funds must be spent by September 30th, 2026
- Final reports due by Friday, October 16th, 2026

SUPPORT & RESOURCES

General questions or looking for a farm to work with?

Email or call Kyle Weatherhogg, at kweatherhogg@vtfoodbank.org, 802-558-3495.