



# Improve Food Access and Affordability

Question 1: What are you doing and where is there alignment?

Lots of alignment with what NYHealth is funding. In policy realm, funding a statewide USL campaign, GFPP campaign, FIM coalition to push for Medicaid reimbursement

gen ops support to 7 food banks serving our region

funding community overall efforts to improve food access and allowing grantees to make decisions on what is needed (gardens, food hub planning etc) - mini-grants work well

We have funded rural food access efforts, focusing on rural grocery stores (supporting nonprofits that support the stores in some ways)

Gen ops grants and capacity grants to pantries, soup kitchens

grant to New Hampshire Hunger Solutions to promote system changes and address community priorities such as improving access to SNAP, school meals and other food access

**Listening sessions for BIPOC farmers**

**Capacity building for food pantries and community gardens**

**Seeding a participatory fund to support food policy councils (FNO Fund)**

**Food Policy Council staffing leading to significant legislative wins**

We have funded efforts to improve nutrition security in food pantries in conjunction with our Food is Medicine program - one way to narrow the focus, as need is immense

**Double bucks at Farmers markets**

Gen op's to statewide advocacy org. Hunger Free NJ

Gen ops to local community Farms and markets

Funding to untangle the school food labor workforce crisis via the Chef Ann Foundation and the Healthy School Pathways Program in CA (FNO Fund)

**Gen Ops funding for minority led farmer cooperatives**

**Study on Food Banks and Healthcare partnerships in Texas**

**SNAP acceptance and match at farmers market**

support to statewide advocacy organizations doing work to eliminate snap gap

**Gen ops to urban farming/youth leadership programs.**

**Food system leader incubation**

**Market Match Incentives at farmers markets in La.**



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Complementing federal funding (SNAP, etc) to fill in the gaps; e.g., food for culturally competent full family meals at tribal SNAP-Ed programs (fed funds won't pay for that)

I didn't see the WH Strategy mention Right to Food

Agreed, i did the same. Change statewide systems to make it easier to enroll in SNAP and remain in SNAP.

Food policy councils not recognized in blueprint - for food & farm councils, whatever you want to call them - community led groups

How to work with bright red state legislatures around food issues (Kate's example of farmers with strawberries at capitol)

I would add that food policy councils have an inside view as to what are the most salient food issues and look to develop policy solutions tailored to the specific location. (state funded)

(state funded incentive programs, permissive urban growing, etc) I like FRAC's approach to this topic. <https://frac.org/news/cpsignonoctober2022>

Hmmm the two items that I put in the first jam board really belong here! #1 food policy councils #2 school food labor workforce crisis

Focusing on the crisis among food service workers -- make sure schools are able to hire and support food service workers

more affordable community grocery stores that are 'food rescue' or donated yet still healthy. such as <https://dailytable.org/>

Supporting cooperatives, First Food initiatives, farmer training and certification access.





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It would be great if folks could note what's working in their states so that we could advocate for what works in our own locations, proven solutions for legislators.

PSO's continue to bring "food funders" together in ways to learn from each other

continue to listen to all sides even though with whom we don't agree on key issues - maintain respect

Keep pushing for innovative strategies, I do not think that the WH platform goes far enough. (because it is government)

convene grantees or connect grantees doing similar work in coalition

**fund policy and advocacy!**

Next steps for us: build positive bridges with legislators on key committees with strategic grassroots/grasstops advocacy

**Fund policy yes yes**

Fund federal nutrition policy orgs-- they can keep track of these key policy battles

convening so we can share ongoing successes/challenges/lessons learned

**fund organizations that center those with lived experience in promoting the solutions**

connecting to federal policy advocacy opps for our grantees

Key follow up after universal school meal legislation: ensure families are filling out waivers, kids are eating meals, etc.

**Get in touch if you want to join efforts related to school food labor crisis (FNO Fund)**



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## Integrate Nutrition and Health

Question 1: What are you funding and where is there alignment?

### Produce Rx programs, more fresh local food

Education and interest in fresh food programs - nutrition + culinary prep- cooking demos, recipe cards, cooking essentials kit, etc. more dignity in FIM programs

Food waste reduction from farmers markets, gets distributed to food pantries + redistributing packaged, catered foods, [food-connection.org](http://food-connection.org)



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making it easier for  
institutions/FIM programs to  
buy from local farmers

food procurement problems -  
eat out of season- canning  
programs, fermenting

scalability for food rescue programs?  
Critical mass of volunteers to deliver/  
redistribute - need capital funding, cold  
storage, salaries, etc, multi year grants





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food banks - only deliver to larger orgs, certain foods, removing barriers to that?

integrating hygiene items into food boxes

food distribution center/hubs/multipurpose food/community hub - space is a huge issue, philanthropy can help more with that, money to purchase food

**More interaction between funders and state food bank federations (these orgs can help unite food banks around common goals such as health equity)**



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# Empower all Consumers to Make and Have Access to Healthy Choices

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**Food Justice Initiative - Equitable and resilient food systems. Transform food system away from industrialized system. Food choice in rural communities. (Katie, MFH)**

**Missouri Foundation for Health Food Justice Strategy will go to board for approval Nov. 17**

**NY Health Foundation is funding universal school lunch initiatives**

**We are funding 2 programs to reduce unhealthy marketing: a pouring rights project w/ our city university & a planning grant to remove marketing on public transit**

**We are funding 2 GFPP projects that would enable NY municipalities to serve healthier, environmentally-friendly, local food in public institutions. --JM, NYHealth**

**MFH currently funding research on attitudes of individuals using WIC, elderly people's access to SNAP during COVID, and college students access to SNAP**

**All comes down to the food supply (Julia)**



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**Is the goal to get everyone eating universal school meals? Stigma issues. Personal choice. Do we need to renew efforts to educate and message to parents?**

**What about SNAP-Ed's role in this pillar? Involves lots of policies, systems, and environmental change not highlighted here**

**We are beyond pilots, funders are funding real community-driven projects on the ground.**

**Helping community orgs ensure they have backend financial and compliance systems that will make it possible to implement USDA grants**

**How to support capacity building and local control of food systems**

**Not enough support in Strategy for community food sovereignty and local foods--they are tons of USDA programs not highlighted!**

**Would it be possible to find out who the unsuccessful applicants to USDA grants are so that philanthropy could pick up those applications or future applications (MFH)**

**Explain to USDA where philanthropy is actually funding in this pillar**

**Supporting organizations to apply for USDA grants with a grant writing consultant. Would like to expand a food/ag focus from the Foundation (MFH)**





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**Explore the policy solution to prison procurement policy?**

**Put together a memo/letter to USDA of where philanthropy is funding and the connection to federal funding opportunities to expand the outcomes for this pillar.**

**Reduce match for GusNIP program. Better collaboration/coordination with philanthropic community.**

**Advising Congress that we cannot only insert one time funding streams. Philanthropy can step in but cannot alone fill the gap that will be left when one time funding expires**

**Explore opportunities to partner with Food Banks and community organizations to fund SNAP outreach in prisons**

**Work to support community food projects is one area/bucket we should look to build upon (Julia). We could all work around this issue potentially.**

**Ensure federal agencies making adjustments to food labeling are using an equity lens, considering racial bias in previous recommendations. (MFH)**



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# Enhance Nutrition and Food Security Research

Question 1: What are you funding and where is there alignment?

**Cross-cutting Themes:  
Local  
Engagement/Control  
of food systems,  
strengthen  
procurement,  
support/strengthen  
incentive programs  
(e.g. Produce Rx)**



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