

FOOD POLICY COUNCILS

*Advocating for better food systems since
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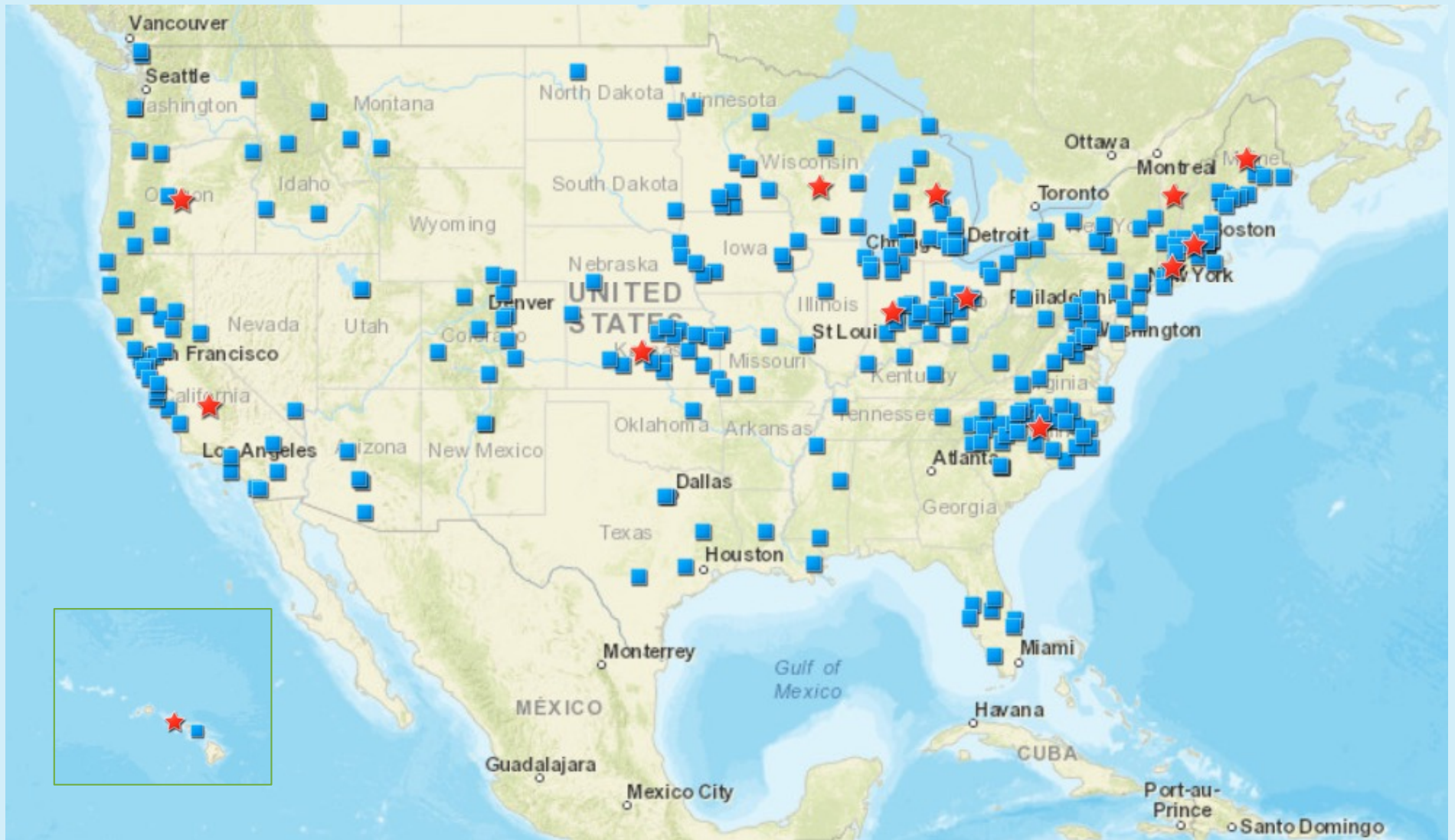
Food Policy Council Goals For The Knoxville Food System

- ✓ Ensure that an adequate and nutritious food supply is available to all citizens.
- ✓ Strengthen the economic vitality of the private food industry.
- ✓ Improve the quality of food available to all citizens.
- ✓ Encourage citizens to accept and consume nutritious food.
- ✓ Minimize food-related activities which degrade the natural environment; limit wasteful use of scarce resources needed for future food production and distribution.



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Food Policy Council

An **organized group of stakeholders from various sectors** that may be sanctioned by a government body or may exist independently of government, which works to address **food systems issues** and needs at the local (city/municipality or county), state/provincial, regional or tribal nations levels through **policy**.



Note: We use “food policy council” to emphasize the effort of these groups to reform policy. It is also the most common term used among North American groups, though others may be called food councils, food and farm networks, food partners alliances, food and agriculture coalitions, food systems collaboratives, etc.



Purpose of food policy councils



Education

Partnerships

Policy (Programs)

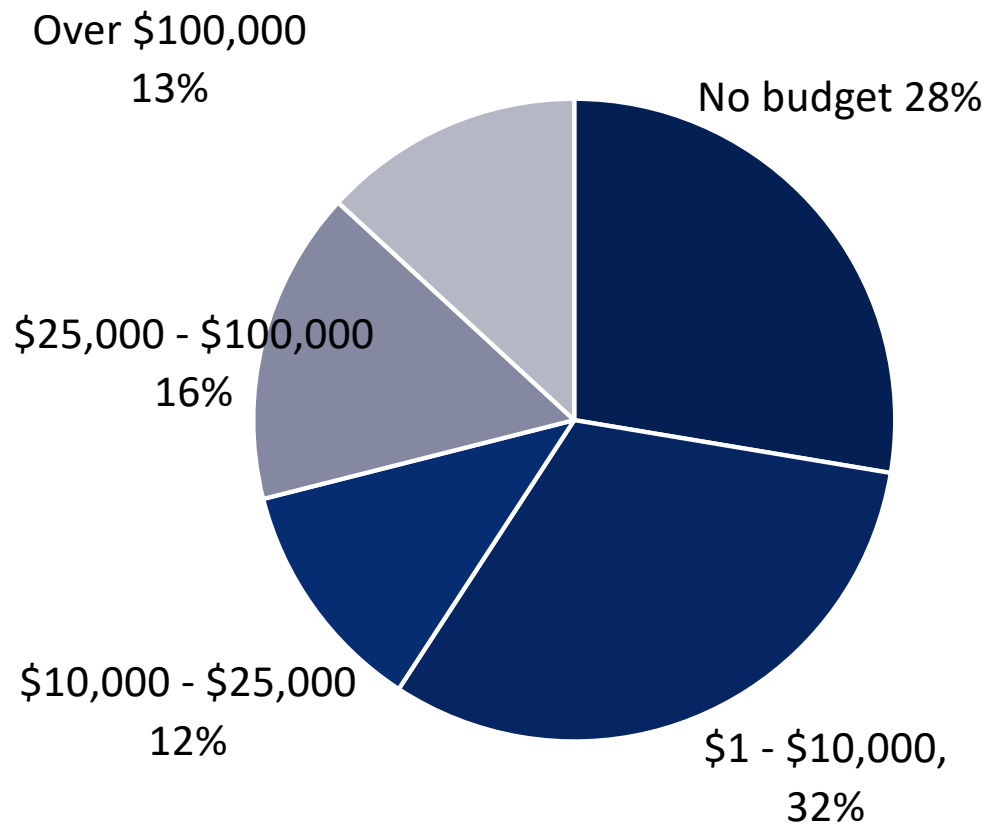


Examples of policy work

- ▶ Salem Food for All (MA) - advocated for expanded SNAP benefits and to continue congregate meal waiver for SFSP
- ▶ NWI (IN) Food Policy Council held focus groups with Latinx farmers that resulted in distribution of 600 farms-to-families food boxes to migrant farmworkers
- ▶ Greater High Point Food Alliance (NC) received funding to purchase culturally appropriate food for refugee and LatinX community
- ▶ Linn Co Food Systems Council (IA) Partner: distributed \$132,300 in ARPA funding to 12 local orgs grant to support on-farm infrastructure and equipment



Approximate Annual Budget



"We believe that the people are the source of all governmental power, that the authority of the people is to be extended, not restricted. This can be accomplished only by providing each citizen with every opportunity to participate in the management of the government. They must have that."

-Congresswoman Barbara Jordan



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