

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)

# Farm to Community Food Hubs Grant Program

## About the program

The grant program incentivizes the creation and permanency of public-serving **community food hubs** by investing in planning activities and aggregation and distribution infrastructure needed to **increase purchasing of local**, environmentally sustainable, climate-smart, and equitably produced food by schools and other institutions, build a better **food system economy**, support the local farming and Indigenous **food production economies**, **accelerate climate adaptation** and resilience, and **employ** food system workers with fair wages and working conditions.



**\$148+ M**  
requested



**\$13.75 M**  
available and  
awarded in 2025



**One-time**  
funding

## Oversubscribed

In 2025, **165 organizations** requested **over \$148 M - 11x more funding than was available**. Institutional customers **signed 134 letters of support** for applicants who could sell them local food.

## \$13.75 M Invested

CDFA awarded grants to 12 farm businesses, nonprofits, and Tribes to plan for, expand, or implement food hub operations that will **support local economies** by **selling nutritious, CA-grown food** to public institutions and nonprofits, like K-12 public schools and food banks.

## Grantee History

Data from seven implementation recipients showed that in 2025, prior to receiving grant funding, they:

- Provided **5.7 M lbs. of food to 209 institutional customers**, enough food for approximately **4.7 M meals**
- Generated **\$11.3 M in revenue from CA-grown food**
- Purchased from **170 producers in 34 counties**

## Expected Benefits

CDFA expects these investments to **increase** the figures above, **strengthen** the CA food system and local economies, and **increase availability** of local, nutritious food for institutional customers serving children, food insecure families, and medical patients.

## What's Next?

There is currently **no additional funding**. Awarded planning projects will end in 2028 and implementation projects will end in 2030. CDFA will share annual program updates to the CA Legislature.



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