



Community Food System
Drought Resilience Grant

Programs:

**Progress Reports from OCFSN
and OFMA**

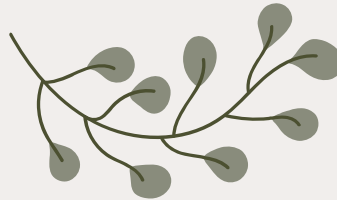




**Farmer & Rancher Disaster
Resilience and Food Hub
Worker Safety & Infrastructure
Grant Programs**

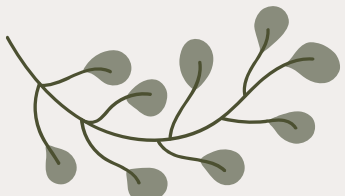




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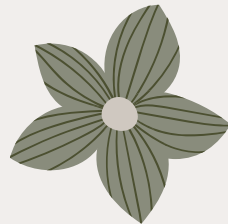


Overview

- Program Team Introductions
 - \$2.65 million for Farmer & Rancher grant
 - \$1.5 million for Food Hub grant
 - Concept started in the drought package and was ultimately general funds allocated in the budget reconciliation bill
 - Managed by OCFSN
 - Member orgs and contractors supported with advising, translation, grant review, and outreach
 - Builds on the successful OCFSN 2022 Farmer and Rancher Disaster Relief Program
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Round One has been completed for both programs, successfully granting \$2.3 million to improve food systems disaster resilience across Oregon



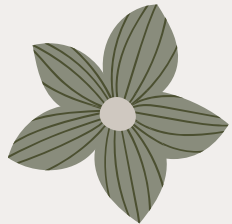
Grant Programs Goals

- Create accessible grant programs for small and historically underserved farmers, ranchers, and food hubs in Oregon
- Use the power of the network to increase program reach
- Prioritize farmers in Oregon Counties most impacted by drought
- Perform direct outreach to farm and ranch communities often neglected
- Provide direct support to grant applicants to navigate their challenges with the application process
- Conduct robust reporting and testimonial gathering



Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program

These grants are for improving on-farm disaster resilience for small farms and ranches across Oregon through one-time projects.





\$1.6 million awarded in 2024

Over \$4 million requested of the
\$1.6 million available for round
one awards



Number of Projects by Resilience Category



- 71 - Irrigation and Water Efficiency
- 50 - Shading and Cooling
- 40 - Soil Health Management
- 32 - Purchase, Rental or Refurbishment of Equipment
- 19 - Other Crop Management
- 15 - Other
- 14 - Ecosystem Management
- 3 - Monitoring or Research
- 2 - Planning

Round One Outcomes



Total applications received	211
Total eligible applications	179
Number of total awards	114
Small grant awards	76
Large grant awards	38

39

Located in counties with a
drought declaration in 2022 or
2023

Funds delivered to every
region of the state impacting
4,766 cultivated acres





“The survival of our farm – and that of countless others grappling with climate disasters – is at stake. Farming has never been easy, but climate change is making it exponentially harder every year. These grant funds offer small, under-resourced farms like ours a critical opportunity to make strategic investments so we can adapt towards greater resiliency. We tip our hats to the Oregon legislature for allocating these urgently needed funds to support local and regional food systems, small family farms, and diversified, climate-forward agriculture in our state.”

—**Awardee**



Round 2

\$900,000 is available for farmers and ranchers who were not awarded in Round One or who have not previously applied.

Opens November 15, 2024 and closes January 17.



Food Hub Network Technical Assistance Investment and Worker Safety & Infrastructure Grant Program

This project will build local economies and improve disaster resilience by investing in Oregon's Food Hubs and regional food system infrastructure.





\$700 thousand awarded in 2024



\$1.8 million requested of the \$700k available for Round One for the Food Hub Worker Safety & Infrastructure Grant Program

Worker Safety & Infrastructure Grant Program Outcomes

Total Food Hub applicants	30
Number of Food Hubs awarded a grant	23



Location of Grantees:

Central Oregon - 2

Eastern Oregon - 1

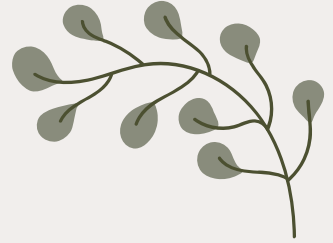
North Coast - 4

Portland Metro - 3

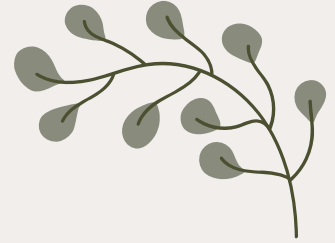
South Coast - 4

Southwestern Oregon - 5

Willamette Valley - 9



Funds were delivered to **EVERY** region across the State in 2024



* this slide is not comprehensive of all the hubs awarded funding in Round 1

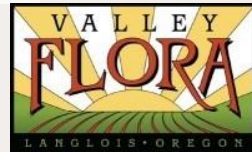


Farm Fresh Delivered

LANE COUNTY BOUNTY



NORTH COAST
FOOD WEB



JOSEPHINE COUNTY
FARM COLLECTIVE



Projects Types:

- Refrigerated vans for delivery between regions
- Walk-in fridges, chest freezers, scales, reach-in coolers
- Rolling carts, anti-fatigue mats, protective gloves, canopy for outdoor pop-ups
- Pallet jacks, electric jacks, rackable pallets
- Produce boxes, bulk bins, mobile shelving, storage containers



Food Hub Network Technical Assistance Investment Outcomes

The Food Hub Network is investing \$300,000 of this funding over two years in statewide shared resource development and training in addition to the Infrastructure & Worker Safety grants.

- On-site Worker Safety evaluations and trainings (8 counties)
- Group Worker Safety training (statewide)
- Investment in leadership and skill building with food hub program managers (statewide/24 regular participants)
- Leadership training across the network (statewide/across all Oregon Community Food System Network working groups), including a needs assessment, creating a learning cohort, workshops and continuing education.
- Targeted business development support for higher volume food hubs (4 businesses), including a needs assessment, resource development, sector specific education and 1:1 mentorship.



We heard the following from awardees:

“Investing in a walk in fridge will serve as cold storage for all perishables purchased through our program. Produce and proteins purchased through our program will partially be donated to partner organization as well as be used to stock free food boxes that will be available weekly to BIPOC community members”

“OCFSN’s funding would greatly increase the capacity of our food hub, Oregon’s smallest, most remote food hub. Increased capacity means more people in Wallowa and Union counties accessing high-quality, nutrient dense food grown by their neighbors. It means paying local farmers and ranchers a living wage, which will inspire them to continue to work their land in a sustainable manner.”

What is next?

- **Round Two** for both grant programs open this winter to finish out granting for this funding pool in Q2 of 2025.
- TA for Food Hubs completed in Oct. 2025
- Questions?



OFMA At-A-Glance

Our mission is simple: To support local agriculture and healthy communities by strengthening and promoting Oregon's farmers markets. Farmers markets in Oregon have grown organically into a small and mighty industry of supportive third spaces that unite communities small and large. OFMA continues our mission by focusing on free resources to farmers markets that center around the topics that we know create a strong framework to build and sustain thriving farmers markets.



Custom Trainings

Statewide Promotion

Network Building

Data Collection

Grant Making

Advocacy

140+
Markets

The Impact of **Farmers Markets** in **Oregon**

Farmers markets throughout Oregon play an important role in sustaining small agricultural businesses, generating revenue that stays local, linking farmers with shoppers and uniting and uplifting communities.



7,000+
Small
Businesses

32
Counties

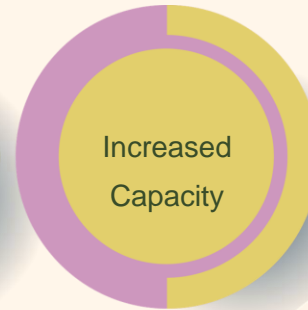
\$60M
Annual
Revenues

24,000+
Jobs

3.5 M
Visits

Grant Goals

To provide resources to farmers markets to engage with and increase access for communities and producers to farmers markets. The project will fortify the stability and capabilities of farmers' markets, equipping them with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate and mitigate challenges arising from climate-related disruptions across Oregon's diverse geographical landscape.





Funding Structure

Direct-to-Market Capacity Building Grants
Training & Resource Delivery
Statewide Awareness Campaign

\$2M

Capacity Building
Grant Program

Year One Budget: \$987,500

Year Two Budget: \$750,000

Final Year Budget: \$262,500

Funds add to the next two years of
Growth Grant funds to support SNAP
delivery at nearly 70 markets.

\$500K

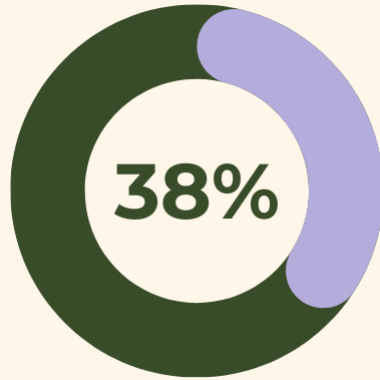
SNAP Support

Year One Budget: \$250,000

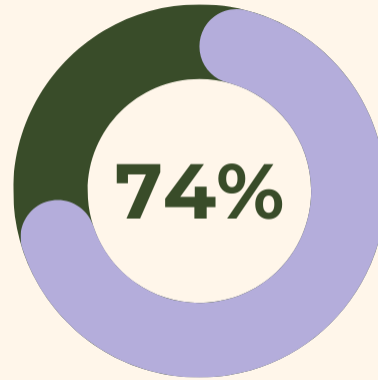
Year Two Budget: \$250,000

Funding Requests Met & Unmet

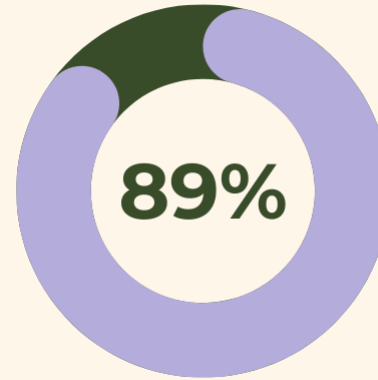
OFMA received an overwhelming amount of funding requests in our first round. We received 63 applications and were able to fund (and partially fund) 47 requests. We were able to award \$740,000, **leaving more than \$1.2 million of requests unmet.**



Amount \$
Funded



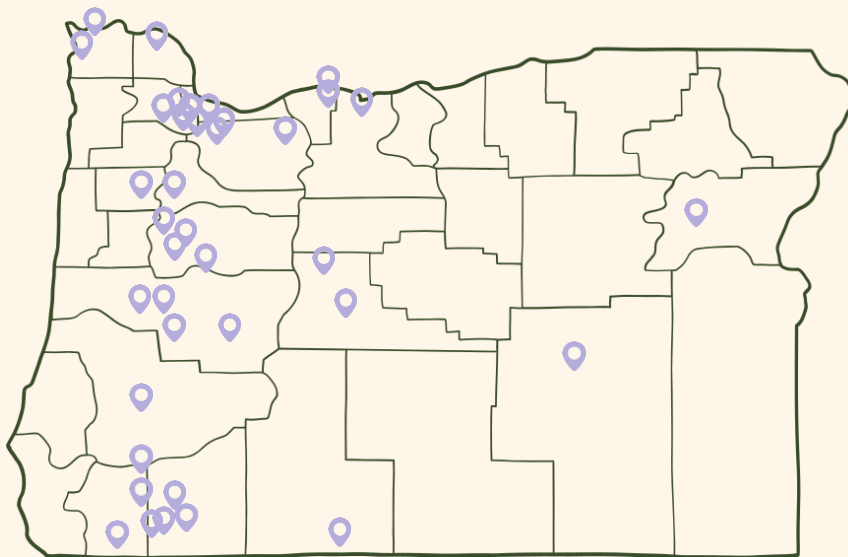
Applications
Funded



Serving LI
Communities

Location of

Capacity Building Awardees



\$740,000 Cap.
Building Grants

40+ Low Income
Communitites

\$250,000
SNAP Grants

Overview of Grant Requests

Disaster Preparedness

Many requests focus on enhancing the ability of farmers markets to withstand climate-related challenges, such as extreme heat, wildfires, and changing weather patterns. This includes infrastructure improvements like tents, misters, and cooling stations, back-up spaces and community engagement for making last minute market changes to locations and times.

Operational Stability

Stabilizing their operations during adverse weather by securing funding for staffing, operational costs, and contingency planning, ensuring they can continue to serve the community. Many proposals include plans for developing emergency response strategies to address unforeseen climate events, ensuring markets can effectively manage disruptions.




Vendor Outreach

Support directed to vendors (all small businesses), including training programs, and technical support in areas like regenerative agriculture and emergency preparedness.



What Makes A Farmers Market **Climate Resilient?**

A successful and stable farmers market makes for a climate resilient farmers market when three key categories align: Community, Vendors and Capacity. In addition to grant funds to strengthen these categories, OFMA's grant program also delivers key trainings and resources that increase statewide capacity for more than 140 markets in Oregon by providing:

-  **Promotion & Community Engagement**
-  **Capacity Building Funds**
-  **Vendor Outreach & Education**

