



Investing in the Transformation to an Equitable and Ecologically Sound Regional Food System

Who We Are

Community Food Funders (CFF) is a philanthropic organizing project that supports the growth of an equitable, ecologically sound, and sustainable food system in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. We provide information, resources, and networking opportunities for funders to invest strategically in growing, processing, and distributing food locally. CFF's primary goals are:

- To understand the dynamics of the existing regional food system including land, water, labor, infrastructure, research, financing, access, programs, and policy, and;
- To identify opportunities for investment that leverage the changes necessary to create a sustainable and equitable food system throughout the region.

CFF is led by a steering committee comprised of grantmakers from the David Rockefeller Fund, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation, Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund, Levitt Foundation, Lucius and Eva Eastman Fund, Merck Family Fund, New World Foundation, North Star Fund, and Surdna Foundation. Staff support for CFF is provided by the Food and Environment Program Officer at North Star Fund.

CFF Funder Briefings and Resources

CFF facilitates roundtable discussions, funder briefings, site visits, and social gatherings to foster information-sharing and networking among funders.

CFF also aggregates and disseminates information and resources to its members, provides a venue through which member organizations can sponsor issue-specific meetings and events, and complements the work of other regional and national groups of similar intent. CFF distributes a monthly e-newsletter highlighting food systems news, upcoming events, key studies, and other information of interest to funders.

CFF Working Groups

We invite funders to become more involved in CFF's ongoing work by joining one of our working groups, or spearheading efforts to start a new one! We currently have four funder working groups focused on the following topics:

- Food Chain Workers
- Food Hubs, Financing, & Investment
- Public Health & Healthy Food Access
- Urban Agriculture
- Farmland Access and Preservation
- Food Waste (*in development*)
- Food Policy (*in development*)

Working groups give funders an opportunity to be in dialogue about key issues and discuss funder strategies for bringing about change. Please contact us if you would like to join, learn more about a working group, or are interested in starting a new group.

Join CFF

CFF is open to staff, executives, and trustees of philanthropic organizations and other grantmaking entities, as well as individual donors. We invite funders to participate in CFF at any of the following levels::

- **CFF Participant:** open to any funder who wishes to participate. You will be added to the CFF email list to receive monthly newsletters and invitations to events, and will have access to CFF resources.
- **CFF Supporter:** open to funders who would like to contribute financial resources at any level or, alternatively, would like to contribute time to CFF activities. This membership level is for those who wish to take a leadership role on an existing working group, start a new working group, or propose a special project or event that matches with our goals and values. This is a flexible level of membership.
- **CFF Steering Committee Member:** for funders who give at the \$5,000 level or higher and agree to fulfill the duties of a steering committee member. Contact us for more information if you would like to learn more about serving on the steering committee.

More information is available at www.communityfoodfunders.org.