



MFARM

MARYLAND FOOD & AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCY MECHANISM
GRANT PROGRAM

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Eight nonprofits and food banks received \$200k to purchase from 15 providers from the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program in 2023-2024

A competitive grant program that helps those who are food insecure while providing a market for farmers and seafood providers.



Grant application deadline: **May 2, 2025**



Snapshot of Grantees

Mountain Laurel Medical Center dba Western Maryland Healthcare Corp - \$35,000

Once a week, Garrett Growers Co-Op delivered fresh fruits and vegetables in a produce box program to rural, low-income residents in Garrett and Allegany counties. 1,800 produce boxes were distributed, benefiting an estimated 4,121 individuals and 1,656 households.

Real Food for Kids - \$23,000

Produce bags created and delivered directly to the schools with low-income students by Shlagel Farms, providing access to fresh and healthy food options.

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City - \$12,000

The project distributed 2,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables from Moon Valley Farms each month to three locations – Brooklyn, Orleans Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Full list of MFARM grantees on MDA's website



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✓ \$200,000 available

✓ Minimum Request: \$5,000

✓ Maximum Request: \$40,000

✓ July 1, 2025 – November 30, 2026



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Ag/seafood
need to be
purchased
from the
**Certified Local
Farm and Fish
Directory**



Who can apply:
**Maryland food
banks,
charitable
emergency
food providers
and
mission-driven
nonprofits**

What is CLFF?

CERTIFIED LOCAL FARM & FISH PROGRAM



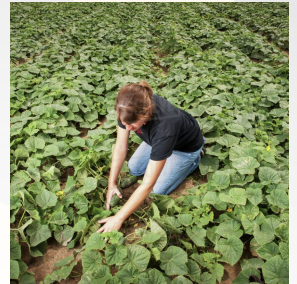
State agencies and public four-year universities are mandated to a 20% food purchasing goal from producers and seafood providers in the Certified Local Farm and Fish Directory.

- Support local agriculture and seafood industries
- Producers and provider must have a nutrient management plan with the Maryland Department of Agriculture or tidal fish dealer license with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- “Certified” does not relate to USDA GAP certification
- Over 130 providers in the Directory
- Agriculture Article, §2-103; State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-701 14-707, Annotated Code of Maryland



New this Year

- ✓ Nonprofits must registered as a charity with the Maryland Secretary of State.
- ✓ W-9 signed within the past 2 years. The address on the W-9 must match the address of the organization applying to the grant.
- ✓ Letters of Support from the producers – established relationship with producers from the CLFF Directory



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✓ Priority: Purchase of agricultural and seafood products
80% of funding towards food allocation
20% supporting distribution and/or operational expenses

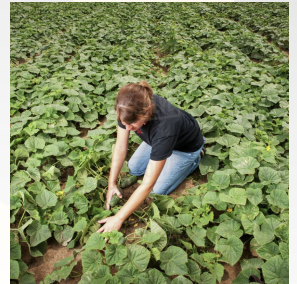
✓ No match requirement

✓ Does your organization have the infrastructure to support fresh, local food?

✓ Quantifiable Measurable Impacts

Good example: The Food Bank provided access free-of-charge to 3,000 pounds of nutritious, locally grown food at its Maple Lane location, reaching approximately 1,100 [Name of Area Served] residents

Needs improvement: Support local farmers and decrease food waste.





Questions?

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