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FACT SHEET

COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

OVERVIEW

ON SEPT. 29, 2014, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced \$4.8 million in grants to support local efforts in ending food insecurity and hunger among low-income populations, while also providing access to affordable, healthy local foods. The grants were funded through the Community Food Projects (CFP) grant program, which is authorized by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Farm Bill).

GRANTS

NIFA awarded 23 grants in 16 states through the CFP in fiscal year 2014. The primary goals of the Community Food Projects program are to:

1. Meet the food needs of low-income individuals,
2. Help low-income communities become more food self-reliant,
3. Promote comprehensive strategies to address local food, farm, and nutrition issues, and
4. Meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agricultural needs.

"Community-based solutions are essential in ensuring low-income communities can address their food and nutritional needs - now and into the future. These grants will help develop projects to promote sustainable food systems that have positively affected many people and organizations during the past few years."

-Sonny Ramaswamy, Director
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

IMPACT

Community Food Project awards have funded more than 400 communities in 48 states in the program's 18-year history. They are a cornerstone of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) **Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food** initiative which coordinates the department's support for local and regional food systems. Previous Community Food Project awards are featured on the **Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Compass Map**, which is searchable by zip code and key word.

FISCAL YEAR 2014 CFP AWARDS

Alliance of Community Assistance Ministries
Houston, TX
\$25,000

Association of Africans Living in Vermont
Burlington, VT
\$247,710

Athens Land Trust
Athens, GA
\$299,852

California Institute for Rural Studies, Inc.
Davis, CA
\$25,000

Community Action of Skagit County, MT
Vernon, WA
\$24,999

Community Teamwork, Inc.
Lowell, MA
\$499,543

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
Athens, GA
\$298,076

Grady Health System
Atlanta, GA
\$299,539

Health Promotion Council of Southeast Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA
\$25,000

Hmong American Farmers Association
St. Paul, MN
\$300,000

Hmong American Partnership
St. Paul, MN
\$300,000

International Rescue Committee, Inc.
New York, NY
\$300,000

La Lucha Space, Inc.
Conway, AR
\$25,000

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Choctaw, MS
\$299,378

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts
Concord, NH
\$24,500

Opportunity Link, Inc.
Havre, MN
\$25,000

Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success
Manchester, NH
\$293,363

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Philadelphia, PA
\$300,000

Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
Sacramento, CA
\$300,000

The Food Basket, Inc.
Kailua-Kona, HI
\$170,394

Windham Regional Community Council, Inc.
Willimantic, CT
\$24,988

World Hunger Year, Inc.
New York, NY
\$400,000

YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids, MI
\$292,658