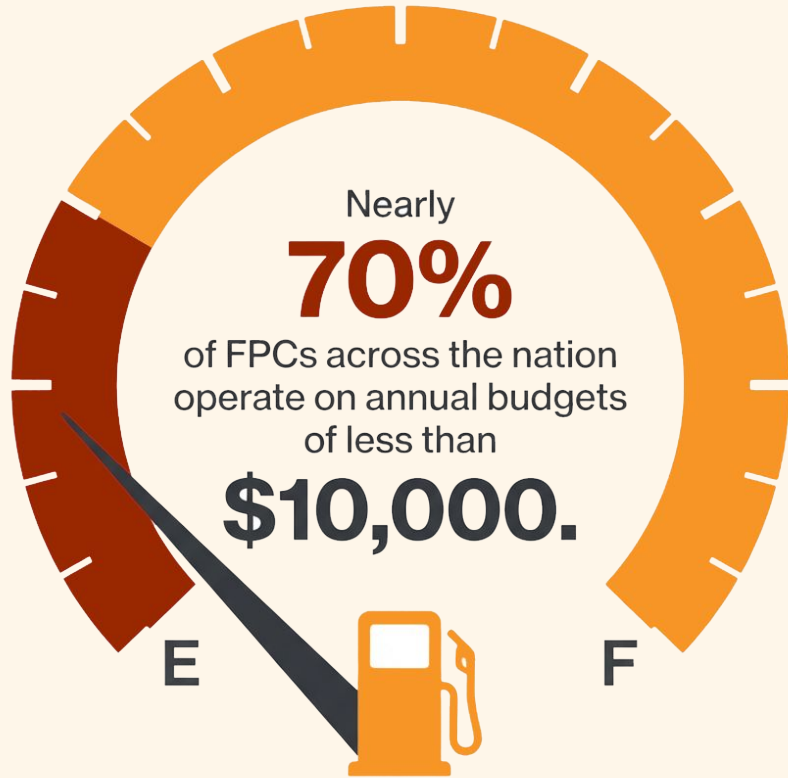


Investing in the Frontlines of Food Policy





A Powerful Engine Running on Empty.

Despite their proven effectiveness and essential role, FPCs are chronically and dramatically under-resourced.

This systemic underfunding severely limits their capacity to hire staff, engage in long-term planning, and fully realize their impact on the communities they serve.

Our Solution: The Better Food Policy Fund

The **Better Food Policy Fund** is a Collective Action Fund hosted by the Tides Foundation, dedicated to supporting local, regional, state, and tribal Food Policy Councils across the United States.

Our Mission: We invest in FPCs to build more equitable, resilient food systems through participatory, trust-based grantmaking and educational investments that strengthen their capacity, leadership, and networks.

We are positioned to fill critical funding gaps, catalyze investment in community-led food system solutions, and **build a stable, long-term philanthropic base for the FPC movement.**



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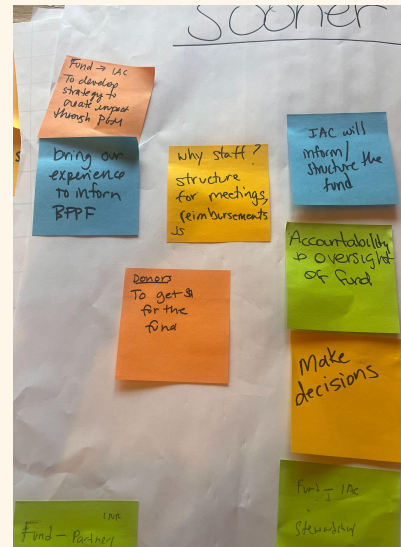
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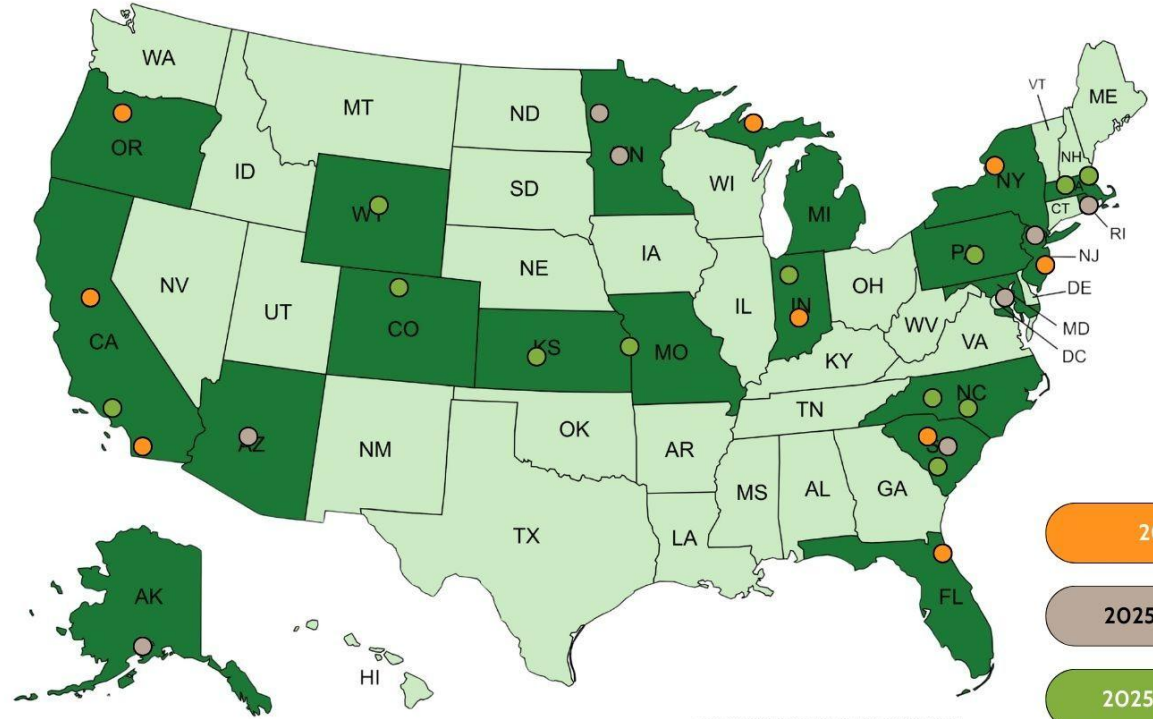
Shifting Power, Not Just Dollars: Our Participatory Grantmaking Model

We believe those closest to the problems are closest to the solutions.

Our model shifts decision-making power to community leaders with lived experiences.

In our inaugural grantmaking, the Independent Advisory Committee used participatory methods to select grantees to support.





2024-25 Grantees

2025: Rapid Response #1

2025: Rapid Response #2

States with BPF Grantees



With BFPF unrestricted grants, FPCs were able to:

- Hold a food security coalition convening that focused on expanding SNAP through the Food for All Oregonians Campaign (Gorge Grown Food Network).
- Foster collective engagement with the policy process (California Food and Farming Network).
- Launch a Tribal Food Sovereignty Initiative to advance initiatives i.e. access to land for gathering first foods (Gorge Grown Food Network).
- Grow their team's capacity to engage in state-level policy by expanding their executive director to a fulltime position (NJ Food Democracy Collaborative).
- Successfully advocate for unfreezing of federal funds using BFPF unrestricted funding (Syracuse Onondoga Food Systems Alliance).
- Conduct strategic planning and implement top priorities (Western U.P. Food Systems Collaborative).

The Investment Opportunity: Fueling the Food Policy Council Movement



Fundraising Goal

To build a single, integrated fund that supports core operations, direct grantmaking, and network-building activities.



Use of Contributed Funds

A portion of annual net income will be allocated to grantmaking to support immediate FPC needs.



An Investment Fund to support BFPF's long-term financial stability.



BFPF's operations and cash needs.

The Vision

Our long-term vision is for BFPF to evolve into a self-sustaining fund that supports FPCs not just through ongoing fundraising, but through earnings generated by its investments.