

# Virginia Food Access Investment Fund (VFAIF)



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE AND  
CONSUMER SERVICES

## A PROGRAM OF VDACS

Created in 2020 by the VA General Assembly, VFAIF supports local food systems by investing in projects that **improve retail access to fresh foods in low-income areas with limited access to produce.** VFAIF awards grants of up to \$50,000 for the construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, or innovative food retail projects in underserved communities.

### VFAIF funded projects...



- Have a retail component
- Accept SNAP benefits
- Participate in Virginia Fresh Match



Doña Fer Grocery Store  
Harrisonburg, VA

## PROGRAM GOALS

- **INCREASE** fresh food access in underserved communities
- **CREATE** wealth and leadership opportunities
- **SUPPORT** sustainable, community-owned businesses
- **FOSTER** innovative solutions that improve food access
- **DEVELOP** and share successful food business models
- **REDUCE** food insecurity by strengthening local food systems
- **IMPROVE** health outcomes in low-income, low-access communities

VFAIF has funded **27 projects** totaling **\$1.14 Million** in food system investments



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