

2026-2027 Grant Application

The Better Food Policy Fund is inviting applications to its 2026-2027 Grantmaking Program.

For full application details and eligibility requirements,

visit: <https://betterfoodpolicy.org/opportunities/>

If you have questions, please reach out to Eileen Horn, Fund Facilitator: eileen@betterfoodpolicy.org

* Indicates required question

Council Contact Information

1. Food Policy Council Name: *

2. Council Website: *(leave blank if you don't have one)*

3. Contact Person for Food Policy Council - Full Name: *

4. Contact Person for Food Policy Council - Email Address: *

5. Council Taxpayer ID/EIN Number (or EIN of your fiscal sponsor): *

6. Food Policy Council Structure: *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Independent 501(c)3 nonprofit *Skip to question 11*
- ☐ Fiscally sponsored project *Skip to question 7*
- ☐ Higher education *Skip to question 11*
- ☐ Government-sponsored *Skip to question 11*
- ☐ Grassroots community coalition *Skip to question 11*
- ☐ Other:

(If applicable) Fiscal Sponsor Information:

7. Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name:

8. Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person Name:

9. Fiscal Sponsor Contact Person Email:

10. Please upload a PDF copy of your fiscal sponsor relationship document.

Files submitted:

Food Policy Council Details

11. **State, U.S. Territory, or Tribal Land your Food Policy Council serves:** *

12. **Annual Budget:** What is your Food Policy Council's annual budget? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ \$0
- ☐ \$1 - \$10,000
- ☐ \$10,001 - \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,001 - \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000
- ☐ Over \$500,000

13. **Food Policy Council Membership:** Is the racial and ethnic diversity of the FPC *membership* representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the FPC's geographic focus area? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Diversity of the FPC is about the same as the geographic focus area.
- ☐ Diversity of the FPC is not the same as the geographic focus area. The FPC has proportionally more members who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) than the geographic focus area.
- ☐ Diversity of the FPC is not the same as the geographic focus area. The FPC has proportionally less members who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) than the geographic focus area.
- ☐ Don't know

14. **Food Policy Council Leadership:** Is the racial and ethnic diversity of the FPC *leadership* * representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the FPC's geographic focus area?

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- ☐ Diversity of the FPC leadership is about the same as the geographic focus area.
- ☐ Diversity of the FPC leadership is not the same as the geographic focus area. The FPC has proportionally more leaders who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) than the geographic focus area.
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- ☐ Don't know

15. **Population Density:** What is the density of the place that your Food Policy Council serves? *Multiple answers permitted, but focus on those that predominantly characterize the place.* *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Urban: Large city or metropolitan area.
- ☐ Suburban: Residential areas surrounding cities.
- ☐ Exurban: Areas between suburban and rural, often with limited urban amenities.
- ☐ Rural: Sparsely populated areas, farmlands, countryside.
- ☐ Remote: Isolated or distant regions, minimal services or connectivity.

16. **Developmental Stage:** At what stage would you say your Food Policy Council is developmentally? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Start-Up: Forming and defining; at the group's inception.
- ☐ Growth: Expanding, adapting, and increasing productivity.
- ☐ Mature: Stable, refined, and consistently performing.
- ☐ Transition: Navigating change and reevaluation.
- ☐ Other:

17. **Scale:** At what scale is your Food Policy Council primarily focused? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ City
- ☐ County
- ☐ Regional
- ☐ State
- ☐ Tribal Nation
- ☐ Other:

18. **Focus Areas:** Where in the food system do your food policy efforts focus? *Select all that are active priorities of your food policy council.* *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Food production
- ☐ Food procurement
- ☐ Food entrepreneurship and economic development
- ☐ Food system infrastructure (aggregation, distribution, logistics, etc)
- ☐ Food access and security
- ☐ Environmental sustainability and climate
- ☐ Resilience and disaster preparedness
- ☐ Labor rights and safety
- ☐ Food waste reduction
- ☐ Other: _____

Open-Ended Question#1: Policy Focus

The Better Food Policy Fund invests in food policy councils because they sit at the heart of systems change. Councils engage farmers, advocates, government agencies, and residents together in learning and listening from one another to come up with practical solutions. We are especially interested in supporting councils that are pushing policy forward, or laying the groundwork to do so.

Councils we fund have an intentional focus on one or more of the following types of activities: Convening partners to discuss policy needs, gathering data and studying policy issues, raising public awareness about policy, partnering with other organizations to advance policy, building relationships with decision-makers, advocating for policy changes, training leaders on policy advocacy, and involving community members in the process.

19. **Tell us what your Food Policy Council is doing to advance better food policy in your community.** *

Please limit your response to 2500 characters.

Open-Ended Question #2: Values Alignment

The Better Food Policy Fund is a values-based fund. How we do the work is critically important to us, and we want to support FPCs that share these values. Take a look at our mission and values here:

<https://betterfoodpolicy.org/mission-and-values/>

20. **Tell us what values guide the work of your Food Policy Council and how your FPC values align (or not) with the values of the Better Food Policy Fund. Provide an example of how your FPC uses your values in its efforts.** *

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