



Vermont Food Security: Roadmap to 2035

VT Food Security Roadmap 2024 Legislative Agenda

Please support the following Bill:

S.215 / H.703, an act relating to 3SquaresVT, would direct the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to launch the SNAP Restaurant Meals Program in Vermont, and to integrate local food purchasing; fund a position in DCF to support restaurants in the federal application process; and direct DCF to submit a transition plan for using the USDA's moderate-cost food plan to calculate minimum 3SquaresVT benefits.

Roadmap strategies G1.1 & G5.4

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Please support the following FY2025 Appropriations Requests:

Fund the **Vermont Foodbank's appropriations request for \$5 million** in base funding for FY2025.

Roadmap strategy G5.2

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Fund the Vermont Association of Area Agencies on Aging's (V4A's) appropriations request for a total of **\$3 million in base funding for Meals on Wheels**.

Roadmap strategy G5.1

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Provide 2-1-1 with the full support it needs to connect everyone in Vermont to the emergency and everyday services we need 24/7.

Roadmap strategy G2.3

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Fund NOFA-VT's appropriation request for **\$478,500 to support the Crop Cash (Plus) and Farm Share programs.**

Roadmap strategy G5.2

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Fund Working Lands at \$1.5 million base funding to support business technical assistance, business expansion, and infrastructure investment on farms across Vermont.

Roadmap strategy A3.1

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Continue to **fund the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets' Agricultural Development Grant program at \$2.3 M.** The ADG provides needed infrastructure investment to scale production, processing, storage, and distribution infrastructure for the meat, maple, and produce industries.

Roadmap strategy A3.1

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Fully fund the Local Foods Incentive (LFI) and the Farm to School and Early Education Grant Program (FTSEC GP). These two programs work together to bring local food into school meals, support Vermont Farmers, and grow Vermonters who love local food. The LFI is included in the Agency of Education budget, and the FTSEC GP is included in the VAAFMAg Development budget.

Roadmap strategies G5.3 and G1.1

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Fund the Land Access and Opportunity Board (LAOB). The LAOB was created by the Vermont General Assembly through Act 182 of 2022 to promote racial and social equity in land access and property ownership. For FY2025, the LAOB is requesting \$1.97 million to continue its work administering grants that help families and collectives from traditionally marginalized and disadvantaged communities to navigate housing and land access and invest in outreach, engagement, and staffing.

Roadmap strategies A4.1 and A4.3

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