

Vermont Food Security Coalition

2026 Policy Slate - Moving Toward Food Security for All

Vermont can make policy choices that lead to food security for everyone who lives here. Please support the following policies and budget requests to keep us on the road to food security.

The Vermont Food Security Coalition works to achieve food security in Vermont by implementing the

[Vermont Food Security Roadmap to 2035](#)

Each item has a link to the strategy in the Roadmap it is related to.

Maximize Federal Funding with Strategic State Investments

- Appropriate in FY2027 an additional \$6.3 million to the Department for Children and Families - Economic Services Division to ensure continued State administration of the SNAP program (3SquaresVT) in response to the changed federal match requirement. [\(G1\)](#)
- Appropriate in FY2027 \$182,000 to the Agency of Education - Child Nutrition Programs for the Sponsor Organizations of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) as an incentive to participate as a sponsor of the CACFP for Family Child Care Home providers. [\(G5.3\)](#)
- Appropriate \$5.75 million in FY2027 to service-providing organizations to expand capacity for Benefit Assisters to keep eligible people on federal benefit programs such as SNAP and Medicaid. [\(G1\)](#)

Fund the Land Access & Opportunity Board (LAOB)

Fund the Land Access and Opportunity Board in FY2027 for their operational costs and provide program funding for the Homes For All Grant Fund, Homes for All Developer Community of Practice, Secure Housing Coaches Program, Community Disaster Readiness Grants, Advisory Powers Work Groups and Collaborative Planning Initiatives and Community Governance Capacity Building Mini-Grants. [\(A2.2, A2.3, A4.1, A4.2, A4.3, A4.4, C1.1, C2.1, G4.4, G6.2, G6.3, G8.5\)](#)

- Operational: \$1,784,809 total base appropriation
- Programs: \$1,432,925 one-time appropriation

Support Local Food Security, Vermont Farms, and Food Producers

- Fully fund the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters local food purchase program in FY2026 with \$1.5 million through the Budget Adjustment Act. [\(A1.3, C3, G5.2\)](#)
- Appropriate \$500,000 in FY2027 to NOFA Vermont to support the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs. [\(G3\)](#)
- Appropriate \$5 million in FY2027 to the Vermont Foodbank to:
 - Fully fund the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program (\$2 million)
 - Support Vermont Foodbank network food shelves and meal sites (\$2 million)
 - Support Ready Response for food access in emergencies (\$1 million)
- Enact S.60, the Farm & Forestry Operations Security Special Fund bill. [\(A1.2\)](#)
- Appropriate \$20 million in FY2027 for the Farm & Forestry Operations Security Special Fund. [\(A1.2\)](#)
- Increase base funding in FY2027 for the Working Lands Enterprise Fund from \$1 million to \$1.5 million. Supplement the Working Lands Enterprise Fund with an additional \$3.5 million in one-time funding in FY2027 to address backlog and rising demand. [\(A3.1, A3.2\)](#)

