

# Fair Food Network

## Fair Food Network - Social Impact Recoverable Grant

### Overview

Fund that invests in early-stage entrepreneurs harnessing the power of food.

### Impact Thesis

Grow community health and wealth by investing in food enterprises that advance healthy food access, job creation, family farm viability, and greater social equity by prioritizing women and people of color.

### Impact in Practice

Damian's Craft Meats is developing the only United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) -inspected meat processing facility within a 70-mile radius in its Midwest region. The BIPOC-owned venture aims to improve local food infrastructure by supporting regional agriculture, reducing transportation needs, and easing processing constraints for farmers. The facility will operate with a focus on regenerative practices and fair labor standards. Fair Food Network provided early investment and strategic support, helping leverage over \$4 million in combined USDA, public, and private funding to move the project forward.



### Impact Themes

Food and Agriculture, Social Needs

### Geographic Theme

United States of America

### Sustainable Development Goals





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 **On Track**

As of 08/31/2025

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## Key Updates

- Fair Food Fund's direct loan and loan guaranty enabled Uproot Market, a member-owned food co-op in Battle Creek, MI, to prepare for its launch, creating new jobs and expanding healthy food access in an underserved area.
- The Fund directed all investment resources toward underinvested communities, with 83% supporting BIPOC-led businesses, 75% women-led, and 7% located in rural areas.
- Mobilized an additional \$1.8 million in capital using collaborative investment strategies and credit enhancement tools.

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## Key Impact Metrics

78 individuals directly reached by services<sup>1</sup>

22 loans extended to individuals<sup>2</sup>

12 loans extended to small and medium enterprises or Nonprofits<sup>3</sup>

39 individuals receiving technical assistance<sup>4</sup>

27 Institutions receiving technical assistance<sup>5</sup>

64 jobs and internships indirectly supported<sup>6</sup>

262 jobs and internships Retained<sup>7</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ That's equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_

The number of passengers in ~half of a standard commercial 2-class Boeing 737 planes reached<sup>8</sup>

Enough workers to staff 6.4 small businesses<sup>9</sup>



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