



Call for Nominations COMMUNITY FOOD FUNDERS 2018 CHAMPIONS AWARD

Overview

The Community Food Funders steering committee has created a new award to recognize the leaders empowering food system change in our region. The Community Food Funders Champions Award will:

- Promote the work of an outstanding leader or organization that is working towards the transition of our food system to one that pursues a true triple bottom line: a system that honors and values people, the environment, and sustainable economic models
- Present the awardee with a \$5,000 grant to support their work

The awardee will be invited to:

- Present their work to a group of funders and philanthropists at the Community Food Funders Annual Gathering in the spring
- Share quarterly updates on their work with the Community Food Funders network
- Design a funder briefing sponsored by CFF on the content of their choosing
- Join the committee of funders that will select awardees the following year

Criteria

Eligibility is limited to nonprofit organizations or individuals located and operating in New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut. Nominees do not have to work explicitly on all three criteria listed below; a strong commitment to and success in one or two areas may suffice. The awardee will be selected based on their demonstrated commitment to a food system that is:

- **Equitable** for everyone along the food chain, from growers, workers, and processors, to distributors, retailers, consumers, and waste handlers. Examples include access to land and economic justice for farmers; safe conditions and a living wage for workers; access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally-relevant food; providing means for greater levels of self-determination over one's food production, distribution, preparation and waste systems; involving multi-cultural and multi-generational constituencies; uplifting the food heritage, knowledge, and expertise of low-income, people of color, immigrant, and LGBTQ communities.

- **Ecologically sound** so that food is produced, transported, and consumed in a way that eliminates or minimizes the use of toxic chemicals and fossil fuels and is regenerative and sustainable in its production.
- **Economically robust** supporting a multiplicity of ownership models for enterprises along the food supply chain, without disproportionate control or influence by large corporations, and without barriers to entry. Examples include food or farming cooperatives, food hubs and other entities that bolster the local food supply, or organizations committed to increasing the diversity of farmers and providing technical assistance for their ongoing viability.

How to apply?

Funders, including staff or trustees of a foundation, may nominate any organization or individual whether or not they are actively funding that work. Nonprofit organizations and individuals may not apply on their own. **Nominations deadline has been extended to April 27th, 2018.** See below for details.

Selection Process

The selection committee will be comprised of the Coordinator of Community Food Funders, up to five members of the Community Food Funders steering committee, and three members of the wider CFF network. If you are interested to serve on the committee, contact Adam Liebowitz at adam@northstarfund.org or (212) 620-9110 for more information.

SUBMISSION FORM

Please submit the following information in a single PDF to cffaward@northstarfund.org by **April 13, 2018.**

Nominator info

- Full name
- Email
- Title and organization

Nominee info

- Name of organization or email
- Website (if applicable)
- Approximate budget (if known)
- In a few sentences, describe what they do (*approx. 200 words*)

Narrative

- In a few paragraphs, please describe how your nominee has shown vision, creativity, and success relating to any or all of the criteria listed above (equitable, ecologically sound, and economically robust food systems). (*Approx. 500 words*)