



Community Food & Agriculture Coalition

2023 Annual Report

At the Community Food & Agriculture Coalition our mission is to grow a healthy local food community by conserving farmland, supporting farmers, and making food accessible for all.

Farmland + Farmers + Food for All

Montana's food system needs all three to survive.
Your support ensure they thrive.

950+ supporters and volunteers in CFAC community & fundraising events like Bike to Barns, Equity in the Food System Series, Farm Passport, Missoula Gives and more!

CFAC moved into the historic LaLonde Ranch in June 2023 and welcomed 100+ people to celebrate with us! Want to visit for a tour? Contact jenny@cfacmontana.org

New Address: 5404 W. Harrier St., Missoula, MT

2023 SPONSORS:



BEGINNING FARMER & RANCHER

CERTIFIED FARM STARTUP PROGRAM

59 Beginning Farmers & Ranchers (BFRs) from across MT attended **6** virtual workshops and **6** field days! Hosted **18** cohort discussions for farmers to build peer networks and discuss farming plans!

Outreach in 2023: CFAC's BFR staff attended **9** agriculture conferences in MT to share information on programs!

1:1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Served **43** farmers through **56** Technical Assistance sessions. Hosted **2** Land Access workshops to address the issue of farm succession and BFR land access.

New in 2023: Launched Land Lease Consulting and Lease Mediation services to help landseekers and landowners develop lasting relationships.

FOOD ACCESS

DOUBLE SNAP DOLLARS

Where customers' SNAP dollars are doubled to spend on fresh, local produce. Offered at farmers markets across the state and select retail locations in partnership with Albertsons!

Since program inception in 2015:

12K Montanans served
\$1.6M Re-circulated in local food economy
15 MT Network Partners

2023 #s:

35 sites
1,659 customers
\$185K spent on local foods
9 Retail DSD Locations confirmed (6 are new in 2024!)

CFAC hosted **3** dietetic interns that gained supervised practice experience through our work.

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

In partnership with MT Department of Public Health and Human Services, providing low-income seniors with coupons to local farms and farmers markets.

14,763 coupons distributed serving **1715** seniors across **23** MT communities with **174** participating farms!

Keep an eye out for our program's first commercial this May!

MONTANA PRODUCE PRESCRIPTION COLLABORATIVE

Partnering with healthcare providers to prescribe FREE fresh fruits and vegetables to Montanans with chronic health conditions.

8 Program Partners serving over **250** patients issuing **\$30K** in benefits.

MTPRx Partners:



FARMLAND CONSERVATION

MISSOULA CITY/COUNTY FOOD POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

CFAC holds a permanent seat, increasing our ability to work proactively in agriculture and food policy areas including land use, food access and more!

CFAC & MISSOULA COUNTY SMALL AG CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

Stay tuned in 2024 for the launch of a new conservation tool available to landowners to protect important farmland and secure a food future for all!

2023 FINANCIALS

REVENUES: \$1,207,300

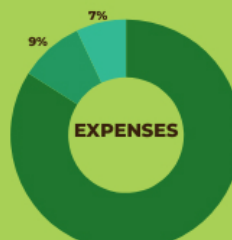
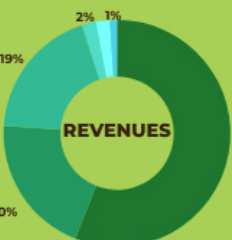
Federal Grants: 56%
State/Local Gov't Grants: 20%
Foundations: 19%
Donations/Memberships: 2%
Events/Sponsorships: 2%
Earned Income: 1%

EXPENSES: \$1,218,674

Programs: 84%
Admin: 9%
Fundraising: 7%

PROGRAM EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

Programs General: 64%
Pass Through Funds to Partners: 18.5%
Participant Support Funds: 17.5%





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NEW! FARMER TOOL LIBRARY LAUNCHING SPRING 2024

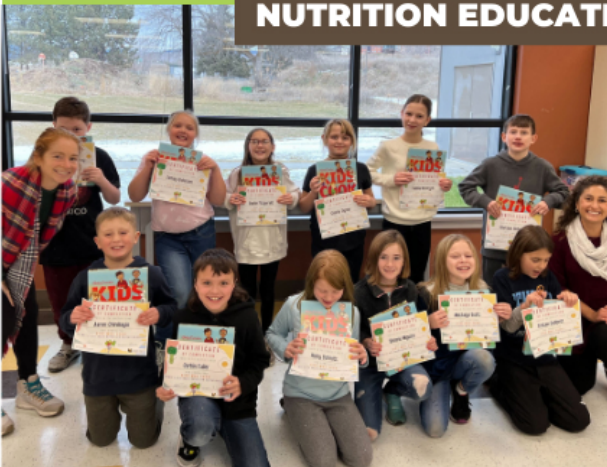
Access to the right tools and equipment is vital for small-scale, beginning farmers and ranchers to succeed. Our new Farmer Tool Library will operate as an equipment-sharing resource to support beginning farmers and rancher through affordable access to tools and workshops! The Farmer Tool Library will provide the training, knowledge, tools, and technical assistance to help producers establish and maintain viable farming operations!

**FARMER
TOOL
LIBRARY**

a program of
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NUTRITION EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES!



CFAC is piloting a NEW Nutrition Education series partnering with schools, other non-profits, and healthcare organizations to provide unique public and private nutrition classes to Montanans of all ages!

The school-based part of the program, "Kids Who Cook!", teaches 3rd and 4th graders easy, healthy, and affordable recipes they can make by themselves at home. Other partners are All Nations Health Center and YWCA.

Photo: DeSmet School 4th grade students after their final nutrition education class.

"As a school superintendent I see an aspect of housing stress that goes unnoticed by many in our community. Many parents are working 2 jobs. Their children are home alone and taking care of themselves, and many times younger siblings. A nutrition program that has a hands-on component so children are learning by cooking easy, nutritious meals that they can make at home safely is a necessary skill all children should have today."

– Matt Driessen, DeSmet School Principal

A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT CFAC!

For an extra \$20 on your annual registration, you can donate to CFAC AND rock this beautiful plate designed by the talented, MT-based artist, Courtney Blazon!

Get yours at your local County Treasurer's office next time you register your vehicle!



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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