

GIVING INSIGHTS

Sustainable Food and Agriculture



The interests of our funding community inform the choice of issues we cover in each Giving Insights publication.

Overview

Access to safe and healthy food is increasingly under threat for our community, our country, and our world. Sustainable food is healthy for consumers and produced in a humane, ecologically harmless, socially responsible, and economically fair way. Sustainable agriculture means farming in ways that meet society's needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Here in the Bay Area, about 870,000 people are food-insecure, according to research by Second Harvest Food Bank. In the U.S., many farmers are struggling. In recent years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), slightly more than half of farm households have had negative income. Worldwide, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), 820 million people do not have enough to eat—and this number is growing. How can we support agricultural systems to grow healthier food in sustainable ways and ensure that people in our community and around the world have access to healthy food? Many of our fund holders support organizations that are addressing these issues locally, across the U.S., and globally.

Using your Donor-Advised Fund

To support sustainable food and agriculture with a donor-advised fund, you can give to a 501(c)(3) organization that: **1) improves agricultural practices; 2) strengthens food markets and distribution systems; 3) gives people access to healthy food; 4) advances policies to support any of the above.**

Our donors are giving to many of the Jewish and secular organizations listed below. You may want to consider these when implementing your giving strategy.

<p>Arava Institute for Environmental Studies arava.org</p>	<p>Environmental studies and research institute in Israel works to preserve arid lands and specializes in desert agriculture.</p>	
<p>City Slicker Farms cityslickerfarms.org</p>	<p>Supports access to healthy food through urban farming, education, and building community. In partnership with local agencies, creates urban gardens in communities that do not have easy access to affordable and healthy food. Teaches about sustainable agriculture, health, and environmental issues.</p>	
<p>CUESA cuesa.org</p>	<p>Supports small food businesses, farmers and food entrepreneurs in making their operations more sustainable. CUESA also manages local farmers markets in San Francisco and Oakland.</p>	
<p>The Factory Farming Awareness Coalition ffacoalition.org</p>	<p>Empowers people to help save animals, the environment and personal health through food choices. Educates audiences about the realities of factory farming, with a social justice perspective. Based in the Bay Area and now working in 15 cities across the U.S. and Canada.</p>	
<p>Good Food Institute gfi.org</p>	<p>Works with scientists, investors, and entrepreneurs to make groundbreaking good food a reality, with a focus on scaling innovation. GFI focuses on clean meat and plant-based alternatives to animal products with a belief that these are more delicious, safer to eat, and better for the planet.</p>	

<p>Hazon hazon.org</p>	<p>Works to strengthen Jewish life through immersive experiences that inspire communities and individuals to live in a more environmentally sustainable way. Provides resources, education and training for emerging Jewish leaders in the sustainable food space focusing primarily on food systems.</p>	
<p>Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development www.interfaithsustain.com</p>	<p>Brings together communities of faith in Jerusalem to support environmental sustainability and combat climate change. The center sponsors programs that explore the intersection of faith and ecology to promote a sustainable and spiritually aware society.</p>	
<p>Local Bay Area Food Banks</p>	<p>Provide nutrition to local communities in need. Alameda County Community Food Bank, Redwood Empire Food Bank, SF-Marin Food Bank, and Second Harvest Food Bank, are great resources that help those experiencing food poverty locally.</p>	
<p>Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) malt.org</p>	<p>Seeks to permanently protect Marin’s agricultural land for agricultural use in order to preserve the habitat for more than 100 species of wildlife, scenic, and climate-resilient landscapes. MALT has protected 86 family farms and ranches in Marin County—totaling over 54,000 acres.</p>	
<p>Mazon mazon.org</p>	<p>Works through advocacy, education and strategic partnerships to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel. Helps vulnerable groups access nutritional programs. In Israel, creates partnerships to strengthen food security.</p>	
<p>Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) openspacetrust.org</p>	<p>Protects open space on the Peninsula and in the South Bay by working with partner organizations to purchase the land, secure farmland, and place it under permanent protection. Since 1977, POST has protected more than 77,000 acres of permanent open space, farms, and parkland.</p>	
<p>Slow Money slowmoney.org</p>	<p>Promotes local food systems by connecting investors to small food enterprises in the places where they live. It encourages local groups to hold events and to make peer-to-peer loans to enhance food security and move away from an economy based on extraction to one based on preservation and restoration.</p>	
<p>Urban Adamah urbanadamah.org</p>	<p>Educational farm and community center in Berkeley integrating Jewish tradition, mindfulness, sustainable agriculture, and social action to build just and sustainable communities. Urban Adamah holds events and retreats for children and families.</p>	

Have Questions or Suggestions?

If you have additional suggestions or questions on this topic, or would like information on other causes and ways to give, contact your philanthropy advisor or call us at **415.512.6211**.

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