Successfully accomplishing Farm-to-Food Bank work requires resources. Some F2FB programs that serve a region or state have identified state and federal grant funds, as well as from private foundations. Other programs, operating at a local level, have used community fundraising or local foundations to support their work. Funds go toward purchasing food directly from farmers, supplemental support for farmers donating, staffing for program coordination, capacity investments, and marketing and educational program materials.

□ **Start within your community:**
  - Give presentations to local civic clubs (ie. Rotary, Lions) and religious institutions
  - Talk to local businesses to see if they can sponsor you or hold a tool drive or participate in your program in any other way
  - Hold a local fundraiser for your F2FB program. Some ideas:
    - Host a fun run for community members.
    - Host a dinner and silent auction with items donated by community businesses and local farmers.
    - Setup a booth at the farmer’s market with a bucket for donations. This is a good opportunity to talk about your program and how community members might get involved as donors or volunteers. This is also a good opportunity to build relationships with vendors and recover leftover produce.

□ **Research philanthropic foundations that fund hunger relief efforts, public health and nutrition, community development, and other F2FB initiatives**
  - Wells Fargo Charitable Giving
  - Wal-Mart Foundation
  - Not Yet Foundation
  - Grant Station (https://www.grantstation.com)

□ **Explore Grants.gov** for federal grant opportunities

□ **Research other possible state and federal funding:**
  - WA State Department of Agriculture (WSDA)
  - Northwest Farm Credit Services
  - USDA Rural Development
  - USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture
  - USDA Food and Nutrition Service

* Did you know you can use your Washington State Department of Agriculture’s (WSDA) EFAP dollars to purchase produce or expand your cold storage?

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