



Farm to Full Bellies

A MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOUNDATION (MADF) INITIATIVE.

The Farm to Full Bellies program provides business assistance to small, local, black/indigenous/people of color (BIPOC) farmers and food producers located in northeastern Washington State.

2%

of farmland in the US is BIPOC farmer-owned.

1.4%

of farmers today identify as black or mixed race, down from 14% 100 years ago.

91%

of US farms are considered small (<\$250K in gross cash farm income), while 85% of market value of agricultural production comes from large farms.



WHY WE CARE

It is important that we ensure culturally relevant food remains in the food system at a fair market price for the BIPOC community. Staffing shortages, logistics issues, and lack of business expertise can create obstacles that are difficult to overcome.



WHAT WE PROVIDE

Technical assistance can include:

- Account support
- Business licensing
- Tax and legal questions
- Labor issues
- Equipment needs
- Branding and marketing collateral development
- Other business-related assistance

The MADF also purchases food in bulk from these farmers to be given away at [Elosie's Cooking Pot Food Bank](#) (an MADF program) in Tacoma, as well as other local partner food pantries, schools, mobile food banks and other offsite locations. We help passionate farmers feed their neighbors.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

BIPOC farmers and producers can submit the Technical Assistance Application on the MADF website to get the process started. The Farm to Full Bellies staff will evaluate each submission, determine what support is available, and connect with the farmers on next steps.

The MADF utilizes various grants, funding, and volunteers to provide technical assistance to farmers/producers and to purchase food for community distribution. We are always looking for individuals and organizations to get involved. Contact us today and let's empower our local BIPOC farmers and feed the community.

