



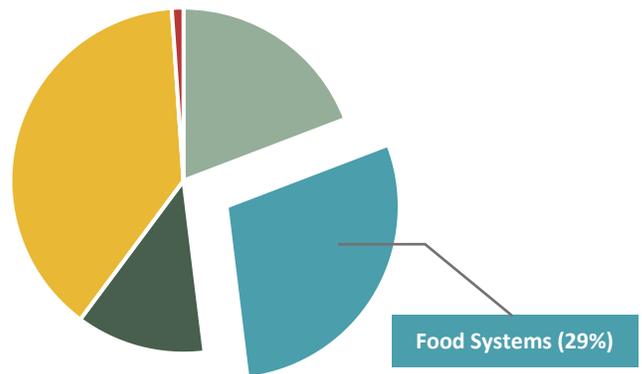
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation
Healthy People Healthy Places
Integration of Environment and Human Well-Being

2015-2017 Food Systems Grant Decisions

Grants Awarded: 73 grants totaling \$5,114,198
29% of Integrated funding

Grant Size: \$5,000 to \$375,000

- 52% were under \$50,000
- 28% were between \$50,000 - \$99,000
- 12% were between \$100,000 - \$199,999
- 8% were between \$200,000 - \$375,000



The Sewall Foundation has a long history of supporting the local food movement, food-based economic development, and healthy, affordable food-access throughout the state. It is an area that very clearly aligns with the goals of the Healthy People Healthy Places program.

Our strategy has been to support and learn from a broad scope of work within Maine's food system and our funding to-date has largely focused in the following impact areas:

- Advocacy & Policy
- Farm to Institution
- Farmland Access
- Finance & Credit
- Fisheries
- Food Insecurity
- Food Waste Recovery
- Network & System Building
- Scaling & Technical Assistance

Food systems are complicated and despite having a solid working knowledge of food systems and initiatives in Maine, our funding has predominantly taken a project-by-project (application-by-application) approach which has brought forward an abundance of excellent projects and organizations. While we do look at the connections between organizations and efforts and how they intersect with various parts of the food system and supply chain, we haven't selected an impact area to more deeply focus resources on, nor have we adopted any specific food system plan(s) as the guiding force for our work.

For 2018 Applications

In 2018, we will continue to fund projects and organizations working in the impact areas noted above. Looking forward, we will explore options and approaches for narrowing down into specific impact areas within the food system and how to better serve Maine's food system at a broader network-level or policy scale.