

OREGON COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS NETWORK

OCFSN: a history

2012-2017

- OCFSN emerged from a series of annual statewide Community Food Systems convenings funded by Meyer Memorial Trust
- Proposal was affirmed by 34 founding members who established four initial priority areas, "Working Groups", for collective action: Veggie Rx, SNAP Match, Wholesale Market Development, Access to Land
- Access to Land Team meets several times a year, emphasizing shared learning, and acts as a resource for several studies and publications
- Secured a \$499,000 federal USDA Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Program (FINIP) grant enabling partners to significantly scale up DUFb from a Portland-area effort to a statewide program operating at farmers markets and CSAs, ensuring that farmers market based SNAP incentive programs reached their potential



2018

- Beginner Farmer & Rancher (BFR) working group forms
- 2018 Convening brought together 82 folks from 55 organizations and included a 3.5 hour "Equity in Food Systems" training
- 24 folks from 19 organizations received a 4.5 day in-person training on "Leadership for Equity and Inclusion" with trainers from Capacity Building Partnerships



2019

- SNAP Match Working Group secured \$1.5M from the State of Oregon to support expansion to Double Up Food Bucks across the state including a pilot serving independently owned grocery stores
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee developed a grant program and raised \$26,850 to support BIPOC led farm and food organizations, entrepreneurs, and community groups
- 2019 BFR Convening leads to development of a work plan, a BFRDP Planning Grant, and continued work on the brochure and story map



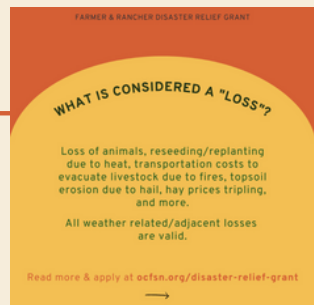
2020

- Secured additional \$1.9M federal USDA GusNIP grant to continue program expansion
- The BFR Working Group secures \$50,000 to increase coordination and facilitation with their Outreach & DEI and Land Connection TA Advisory Groups, this includes work on the BFR Resource Guide and online Story Map



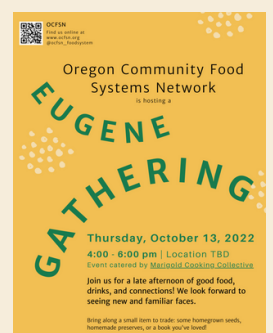
2021

- OCFSN Applied for 501c3 status
- SNAP Match working group secured \$4M from the State to support the expansion of DUFb across the state during the biennium
- The Access to Land and Beginner Farmer and Rancher working groups reorganized into a larger Farming for the Future Working Group



2022

- APRIL: Hired first two staff and Equity Advisor
- FEBRUARY: Received \$1.5M from the State Legislature which was distributed in the form of grants to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 2021
- APRIL/JULY: Hosted two Mini-Convenings on Food Access
- JUNE: OCFSN officially a 501c3!
- JULY: First regional gathering in Central Oregon
- AUGUST: Disaster Relief Grant for Farmers and Ranchers money fully distributed



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