

On November 12, 2025, the NJEDA board approved the first set of grantees through the \$30 million Food Equity and Economic Development (FEED) NJ program. These first set of 50 organizations were approved for a total of \$20.6 million in grant awards.

NJEDA is still reviewing applications and additional approvals will be made at a later date. NJEDA expects to approve an additional 20 to 25 awards, bringing the total number of awards to 70 to 75 grants made within the \$30 million FEED NJ program.

Listed in alphabetical order, the following 50 applicants were approved for grant awards at the November 12 board meeting. The details below include the approved grant amount, the New Jersey Food Desert Communities (FDCs) they propose to serve, and a brief summary of their project.

1. [Apostles' House](#)

- *Award amount:* \$212,558
- *Food Desert Communities (FDCs) to be served:*
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
- *Project Summary:* Apostles' House will expand and enhance its Life Pantry and Grant Street Kitchen by increasing access to fresh produce and providing employment opportunities to shelter residents.

2. [Arm In Arm Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$499,930
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* Arm In Arm will renovate its 48 Hudson Street food pantry to incorporate a client choice model, provide privacy for client intake, and create space for education and health partnerships, and will also expand Mobile Pantry services and increase bulk food drops at key community sites.

3. [The Cathedral Soup Kitchen Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
 - Lindenwold/Clementon
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne
- *Project Summary:* The Cathedral Soup Kitchen will strengthen its Meal and Outreach Program and operations through hiring a program manager, purchasing a forklift and refrigerated truck, and increasing inventory of food and personal care items.

4. [Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen](#)

- *Award amount:* \$200,000
- *FDC to be served:*
 - New Brunswick City
- *Project Summary:* Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen will expand its Choice Food Resource Center and add a mobile market and annual farmers market, increasing availability of meat, dairy, eggs, and fresh produce while also supporting community gardening efforts.

5. [Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton](#)

- *Award amount:* \$495,000
 - *FDCs to be served:*
 - High Bridge Borough
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
 - *Project Summary:* Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton will adopt a mobile app for pantry enrollment, scheduling, and inventory tracking, offer transportation assistance and home delivery of food bags, and embed pantry staff in alternate community locations to reach more residents.
6. **City Green Inc.**
- *Award amount:* \$499,980
 - *FDCs to be served:-*
 - Passaic City
 - Paterson North
 - Paterson South
 - *Project Summary:* City Green will upgrade refrigeration on its Veggie Mobile market, used to deliver farm-fresh food grown and sourced by City Green, and will provide Good Food Bucks nutrition incentives for shoppers.
7. **Coalition for Food and Health Equity Inc.**
- *Award amount:* \$487,901
 - *FDCs to be served:*
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
 - Jersey City Central
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark West
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne
 - Paterson South
 - *Project Summary:* Coalition for Food and Health Equity will expand the Ujamaa Café program, a tech-enabled community refrigerator program with pre-made healthy meals sourced from local food entrepreneurs and placed at key community agencies.
8. **Comité de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas Inc.**
- *Award amount:* \$202,208
 - *FDCs to be served:*
 - Bridgeton/Fairfield Twp/Lawrence Twp
 - *Project Summary:* Comité de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agrícolas will introduce a mobile market, launch a Community Supported Agriculture Program in coordination with local growers, and implement food preservation initiatives to extend produce shelf life, all centered around its existing community garden.
9. **Common Market Philadelphia Inc.**
- *Award amount:* \$500,000
 - *FDCs to be served:*
 - Bridgeton/Fairfield Twp/Lawrence Twp
 - Millville/Commercial Twp
 - Vineland City
 - *Project Summary:* Common Market Philadelphia will distribute Farm Fresh Boxes containing seasonal, locally-grown produce and staple items at sites located alongside health care

facilities.

10. [Community Food Bank of New Jersey Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$499,471
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Jersey City Central
 - Jersey City North
 - Jersey City South
 - Millville/Commercial Twp
 - New Brunswick City
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* Community Food Bank of New Jersey will engage and educate community partners and households about the availability, requirements, and application procedures of federal nutrition programs, including SNAP and WIC, to ensure that eligible residents participate in available benefits, and refine a case management model for follow-up by "Community Connections" team members.

11. [The Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Chestnut Hill](#)

- *Award amount:* \$207,793
- *FDC to be served:*
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
- *Project Summary:* The Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph will launch a food delivery service to serve elderly and disabled individuals by acquiring a van, hiring a staff member, and increasing cold storage, and later expanding the program to include prepared meals.

12. [CUMAC/ECHO Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Passaic City
 - Paterson North
 - Paterson South
 - Prospect Park/Haledon/Hawthorne
- *Project Summary:* CUMAC/ECHO will glean, purchase, and aggregate more than six million pounds of fresh, healthy food from local farmers and food businesses, to be distributed through its Choice Marketplace, mobile pantry, home delivery, and smaller partner pantries.

13. [Elijah's Promise Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$349,858
- *FDC to be served:*
 - New Brunswick City
- *Project Summary:* Elijah's Promise will purchase a new refrigerated truck to expand its current food distribution program, adding permanent stops and providing produce to areas with limited transportation and food access.

14. [Fairgrown Farm LLC](#)

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - All 14 Primary Focus FDCs
- *Project Summary:* Fairgrown Farm will expand its Jersey Fresh Food Security program to provide free and discounted wholesale produce to feeding organizations statewide, enhance logistics capacity to better serve smaller organizations, and provide nutrition education in all

14 Primary Focus FDCs.

15. **Families for Families, A NJ Nonprofit Corporation**

- *Award amount:* \$98,926
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Paterson North
 - Paterson South
- *Project Summary:* Families for Families will bolster food pantry services by hiring a bilingual Food and Housing Security Manager, providing refrigerators to clients moving into homes that lack them, and offering transportation assistance to help clients reach the pantry.

16. **The Food Brigade Inc.**

- *Award amount:* \$499,655
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Bayonne City
 - Fairview Borough
 - Jersey City Central
 - Jersey City North
 - Jersey City South
 - North Bergen/West New York/Guttenberg
 - Passaic City
 - Paterson North,
 - Paterson South,
 - Prospect Park/Haledon/Hawthorne
 - Union City
- *Project Summary:* The Food Brigade will purchase a refrigerated truck to rescue otherwise wasted food from supermarkets, retailers, and wholesalers and launch a Mobile Farmer's Market to distribute fresh, healthy produce at key community sites.

17. **Greater Newark Conservancy Inc.**

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
 - Paterson South
- *Project Summary:* Greater Newark Conservancy will increase access to local produce by expanding production capacity at six urban farms, distributing harvests through markets, farm stands, and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) boxes, and establishing a centralized site to aggregate produce and connect farms to shared infrastructure such as wash-and-pack facilities and cold storage.

18. **HomeFront Inc.**

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDC to be served:*
 - Trenton East
- *Project Summary:* HomeFront will develop a choice-based food pantry offering locally-grown produce at HomeFront's FreeStore, create pop-up pantries, and introduce a Homegrown Program to equip families with supplies and education to grow their own produce.

19. Isles Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$358,191
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* Isles will expand and enhance its network of raised bed vegetable and fruit gardens and engage community members in preparing harvests through weekly Dinner-and-a-Movie nights with free transportation service.

20. Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Mercer County will sustain its existing mobile pantry, launch a new effort offering monthly bags of nutritious foods for pregnant and postpartum women, and provide education about nutrition benefits.

21. Jewish Family Service and Children's Center of Clifton-Passaic Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$457,035
- *FDC to be served:*
 - Passaic City
- *Project Summary:* Jewish Family Service and Children's Center of Clifton-Passaic will make infrastructure improvements and strengthen community engagement activities at its kosher Food Pantry, offering culturally appropriate food, nutrition education programs, and wraparound services.

22. Loving Our Cities Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Bridgeton/Fairfield Twp/Lawrence Twp
 - Burlington City
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
 - Lindenwold/Clementon
 - Millville/Commercial Twp
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne,
 - Paulsboro Borough
 - Penns Grove/Carneys Point
 - Salem City
 - Vineland City
- *Project Summary:* Loving Our Cities will augment its existing food hub by increasing cold storage, transitioning to a grocery store-style experience for pantry clients, launching weekend distribution hours, creating a mobile pantry/food truck, and purchasing additional vehicles to expand delivery capabilities.

23. Lev Rochel Bikur Cholim of Lakewood Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$499,950
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
 - Lakewood North
 - Lakewood South

- New Brunswick City
- *Project Summary:* Lev Rochel Bikur Cholim of Lakewood will increase food supply and acquire refrigerated vehicles to expand five hospital-based food pantries and better serve patients, families, and individuals facing food insecurity.

24. Meals on Wheels in Greater New Brunswick

- *Award amount:* \$190,300
- *FDC to be served:*
 - New Brunswick City
- *Project Summary:* Meals on Wheels in Greater New Brunswick will expand its Weekend Meals Program for homebound seniors and disabled adults by providing medically tailored meals, fresh produce, shelf-stable food items, and wellness calls to reduce isolation.

25. Meals on Wheels of Mercer County Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$75,000
- *FDC to be served:*
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* Meals on Wheels of Mercer County will support and enhance its Farm Fresh Produce Program, in which locally grown fruits and vegetables are delivered to homebound older adults by volunteers.

26. Meeting Essential Needs with Dignity Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Newark East
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
- *Project Summary:* Meeting Essential Needs with Dignity will host free farmers markets, expand partnerships with local food pantries, offer SNAP outreach and enrollment assistance, provide nutrition programming, and facilitate connections to wraparound services.

27. Mercer Street Friends Center

- *Award amount:* \$498,754
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* Mercer Street Friends Center will renovate an existing building to establish a Community Food Hub featuring a Choice Pantry with a client-centered shopping experience, as well as tailored wraparound services.

28. Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Penns Grove/Carneys Point
 - Salem City
- *Project Summary:* Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center will deliver nutritious food boxes to expectant mothers, newborns, and families in need by acquiring a refrigerated truck, purchasing supplies, and hiring two delivery drivers.

29. Mighty Writers

- *Award amount:* \$478,236
- *FDCs to be served:*

- Camden East/Pennsauken
 - *Project Summary:* Mighty Writers will expand its existing daily and weekly food distribution program, establish monthly and seasonal distributions, and purchase a van to support increased food pickups.
- 30. **Montclair State University Foundation**
 - *Award amount:* \$477,652
 - *FDCs to be served:*
 - Irvington Township
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
 - Orange/West Orange/Montclair
 - *Project Summary:* Montclair State University Foundation will purchase a refrigerated truck and expand its Mobile Farm Stand services with a targeted focus on seniors and college students.
- 31. **Neighborhood Center Inc.**
 - *Award amount:* \$462,651
 - *FDC to be served:*
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne
 - *Project Summary:* Neighborhood Center will sustain and expand its existing Urban Farm, Community Kitchen, Children's Meals, and CSA programs.
- 32. **Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens, A NJ Nonprofit Corporation**
 - *Award amount:* \$200,000
 - *FDCs to be served:*
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
 - Lindenwold/Clementon
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne
 - *Project Summary:* Neighborhood Collaborative Community Gardens will transform vacant lots into urban green spaces and expand composting, produce delivery, and farmer's markets to increase both food access and green workforce development opportunities.
- 33. **Newark Emergency Services for Families Inc.**
 - *Award amount:* \$499,875
 - *FDCs to be served:*
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark East, Irvington Township, East Orange City, Orange/West Orange/Montclair
 - *Project Summary:* Newark Emergency Services for Families will undertake a renovation to convert its monthly pre-packed grocery distribution system to a full-time, self-service food pantry to provide consistent and convenient food assistance.
- 34. **Parkside Business & Community In Partnership Inc.**
 - *Award amount:* \$466,581
 - *FDC to be served:*
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne

- *Project Summary:* Parkside Business & Community In Partnership will establish weekly farmers markets and recruit and train local growers in urban agriculture and food entrepreneurship.

35. Plentiful Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$310,625
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Bayonne City
 - Jersey City Central
 - Jersey City North
 - Jersey City South
 - New Brunswick City
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West,
 - North Bergen/West New York/Guttenberg
 - Passaic City
 - Paterson North
 - Paterson South
 - Perth Amboy City,
 - Trenton East
 - Union City
- *Project Summary:* Plentiful will utilize its tech and data insights to create a multilingual food access map for food-insecure residents and offer providers tools to simplify check-ins and reservations for food security programs.

36. Ranch Hope Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDC to be served:*
 - Salem City
- *Project Summary:* Ranch Hope will partner with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority to create a healthy food store and food production and education space located at a redeveloped historic site in downtown Salem City.

37. Raritan Valley Young Men's Christian Association, A NJ Nonprofit Corporation

- *Award amount:* \$321,868
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - New Brunswick City
 - Perth Amboy City
- *Project Summary:* Raritan Valley Young Men's Christian Association will provide weekly food distributions along with SNAP enrollment assistance and nutrition education.

38. The Rescue Mission of Trenton, New Jersey

- *Award amount:* \$353,353
- *FDC to be served:*
 - Trenton East
- *Project Summary:* The Rescue Mission of Trenton will expand and enhance its 100 Carroll Street food pantry by replacing equipment, adding more storage, and improving overall safety and accessibility.

39. Rutgers University Foundation

- *Award amount:* \$499,320
- *FDC to be served:*
 - New Brunswick City
- *Project Summary:* Rutgers University Foundation will launch a mobile farmers market and provide on-demand transportation to Rutgers Community Farmers Market sites in partnership with Middlesex County RIDE.

40. **RWJBH Corporate Services Inc.**

- *Award amount:* \$499,987
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Elizabeth City,
 - Jersey City Central
 - Jersey City North
 - Jersey City South,
 - Keansburg Borough
 - Lakewood North
 - Lakewood South
 - Long Branch City
 - New Brunswick City
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne
 - Red Bank Borough
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* RWJBH Corporate Services will place SNAP Navigators at acute care facilities in eight counties to bolster existing food security efforts across the state.

41. **Safina Foundation, A NJ Nonprofit Corporation**

- *Award amount:* \$179,236
- *FDC to be served:*
 - New Brunswick City
- *Project Summary:* Safina Foundation will expand its La Cocina soup kitchen to increase service availability and increase the number of meals served each day, as well as launch a food delivery service for the local area.

42. **Share My Meals Inc.**

- *Award amount:* \$499,373
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
 - New Brunswick City
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne
- *Project Summary:* Share My Meals will expand its meal recovery program in Newark, Camden, and New Brunswick while bolstering the statewide Meal Recovery Coalition to amplify impact and support other community groups engaged in meal recovery and distribution.

43. [St. James Social Service Corporation](#)

- *Award amount:* \$472,971
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
- *Project Summary:* St. James Social Service Corporation will strengthen and sustain its emergency food programs including a daily food pantry and soup kitchen, as well as biweekly food delivery to seniors and people living with HIV/AIDS.

44. [T.A.S.K. Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$498,999
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* T.A.S.K. will expand its meal service capacity by adding new mobile meal sites and purchasing a new food truck with additional storage and refrigeration to enable distribution of fresh produce.

45. [Tri-County Community Action Agency Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Bridgeton/Fairfield Twp/Lawrence Twp
 - Paulsboro
 - Penns Grove/Carneys Point
- *Project Summary:* Tri-County Community Action Agency will establish a mobile pantry and enhance its existing food distribution center to offer a consumer-choice model and expand service hours and programming.

46. [United Community Corporation](#)

- *Award amount:* \$500,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark East
 - Newark West
- *Project Summary:* United Community Corporation will strengthen and expand its Community Refrigerator Program, which provides 24/7 access to nutritious food through public refrigerators located at key community sites.

47. [United Way of Passaic County Inc.](#)

- *Award amount:* \$494,749
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Passaic City
 - Paterson North
 - Paterson South
 - Prospect Park/Haledon/Hawthorne
- *Project Summary:* United Way of Passaic County will launch a farm-to-pantry pilot program to distribute locally-grown produce to partner food pantries, seniors, and individuals with medical needs, and offer SNAP/WIC enrollment assistance and nutrition education.

48. Urban Agriculture Cooperative, A NJ Nonprofit Corporation

- *Award amount:* \$491,700
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - East Orange City
 - Elizabeth City
 - Irvington Township
 - Jersey City Central
 - Jersey City North
 - Jersey City South
 - Newark East
 - Newark North and Central
 - Newark South
 - Newark West
 - Orange/West Orange/Montclair
- *Project Summary:* Urban Agriculture Cooperative will scale its regional food hub and Newark-based Farm to City Center by procuring and aggregating fresh produce from 30+ local and regional farms and distributing it through community markets, food pantries, farm-to-family boxes, and partnerships with schools and health care institutions.

49. UrbanPromise Trenton Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$136,305
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Trenton East
 - Trenton West
- *Project Summary:* UrbanPromise Trenton will enhance food distribution efforts by expanding food distribution hours, upgrading its food storage facility, and improving its community garden.

50. Virtua-West Jersey Health System Inc.

- *Award amount:* \$445,000
- *FDCs to be served:*
 - Camden East/Pennsauken
 - North, Central and South Camden/Woodlynne
- *Project Summary:* Virtua-West Jersey Health System will expand cold storage and offer inventory and purchase incentives at its existing Eat Well Mobile Farmers Market and Eat Well Mobile Grocery Store, including a loyalty program and SNAP 1:1 match.