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FARMER RESILIENCE,
FOOD ACCESS, *and* VIBRANT
COMMUNITIES.**

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FairShare's
**2025
IMPACT REPORT**

*We envision thriving farms, vibrant
communities, and fresh food for all!*



A NOTE FROM LIZ, Board President

Twenty years ago, FairShare's A-Z cookbook taught me how to cook an unfamiliar vegetable. That's the kind of impact FairShare has: practical, personal, lasting.

I buy local produce because it tastes best, and I can do that because FairShare makes it possible for small and midsize farms, especially BIPOC and underserved growers, to survive as sustainable businesses.

Their Partner Shares program means fresh, healthy food isn't reserved for people who can afford it. I've watched

THE FAIRSHARE TEAM - 2025 Staff

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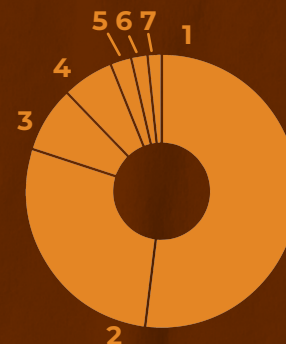
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Our mission is to build resilient food communities by investing in farmers and empowering eaters.

FINANCIALS

Income

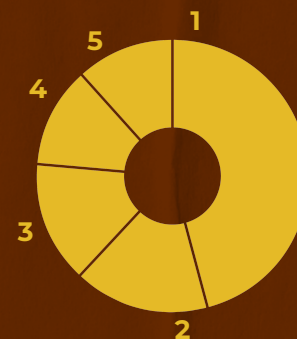
In 2025, FairShare navigated a rapidly changing funding landscape, including the loss of significant federal grant support. Through a mix of federal, state, and foundation grants, individual donations, corporate partnerships, and Bike the Barns revenue, we continued investing in farmers and expanding access to fresh food.



1-Grants	\$441,121	52%
2-Contributions	\$233,747	28%
3-Events	\$66,416	8%
4-Partner Shares	\$50,146	6%
5-Merchandise	\$21,214	2.5%
6-Farm Fees	\$16,863	2%
7-Interest Income	\$14,476	1.5%
Total	\$843,983	

Expenses

FairShare's lean team stretched every dollar to deliver wide-reaching programs across the Midwest. The majority of expenses supported staff, partner grants, and direct program costs including farmer trainings, field days, outreach, and cost share assistance for Partner Shares households. Despite funding challenges, FairShare maintained strong programs, deepened partnerships, and continues showing up for farmers and communities.



1-Farmer Development	\$492,223	46%
2-Fundraising	\$168,872	16%
3-Partner Shares	\$157,590	14.5%
4-Management & General	\$130,430	12%
5-Outreach & Merchandise	\$124,335	11.5%
Total	\$1,073,460	

GROWING FARMERS, BUILDING RESILIENCE

For aspiring farmers, gaining the experience needed to build a career can be challenging. FairShare's Organic Vegetable Farm Manager Apprenticeship is helping create a clearer path forward through hands-on learning, mentorship, and meaningful connections.

In 2025, apprentices completed 15,000 hours of training, building practical skills while learning alongside experienced growers. Kelly, a Farmer Educator at Three Sisters Community Farm shared:

"This program is really exceptional...it feels like a much needed innovation for the Midwest for young people hoping to enter the field of organic agriculture."

The program also grew alongside the Apprentices with a successful vegetable and fruit production pilot laying the groundwork for a dedicated Fruit Apprenticeship track. This expansion opens more pathways for new growers while cultivating a stronger, more resilient food system.

IN 2025, FAIRSHARE...

invested **\$116,242** directly to local farms and served over **1,300** limited income individuals through our food access programs

supported **87** farms in the FairShare Coalition throughout the Midwest

directly engaged **750+** farms through the Midwest Vegetable Growers Network and served over **5,000** farms nationally through the CSA Innovation Network

connected more than **500** farmers, technical assistance providers, and university researchers through **395** conversations on our farmer listserv

brought together over **1,000** riders, volunteers, and community partners at Bike the Barns for a day of farm fun and community, raising over **\$50,000** for food access through our Partner Shares program

