

# Dane County Farmers' Market and FairShare CSA Coalition Emergency Farmer Fund Overview & Eligibility

The Dane County Farmers' Market (DCFM) and FairShare CSA Coalition have established an [Emergency Farmer Fund](#) to aid farmers and food producers adversely impacted by COVID-19 due to market closures, reduced wholesale purchases, and similar circumstances.

This fund is available to current DCFM members and FairShare CSA Coalition members in good standing<sup>1</sup>. Member businesses may request up to \$500 in grants that do not need to be repaid. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis (first come, first serve) and reviewed by a third-party representative from the UW Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems.

Fundraising efforts begin immediately, and application reviews will begin once sufficient funds have been garnered. Once the submission is received, applicants should receive notification of the reviewer's decision within two weeks and funds will be mailed as soon as possible. There is no guarantee of funds.

## Eligibility

Applicant and application must meet the following criteria:

- Fund is available to only current DCFM and/or FairShare CSA Coalition farms that are **currently experiencing financial hardship** to the COVID-19 outbreak. **Funds cannot be used for anticipated income losses.**
- No preference, special conditions, or benefits are available for farms who are members of *both* the DCFM and the FairShare CSA Coalition.
- Fund may be used to pay outstanding business-related bills and/or for immediate needs (e.g. farm loan or mortgage payments, health care bills, etc.)
- Funds may be used to support employee wages in the case of sick leave, employment disruption, etc.
- Funds requested may not exceed \$500.
- Funds may only be requested and awarded once.
- Fund is not an alternative to insurance and does not cover losses that are covered by a successful insurance claim or losses covered by other sources.
- Funds may not be used to cover projected income from crops lost to another disaster (e.g. prior natural disaster, etc.)

*DCFM members, contact Market Manager Sarah at [sarah.elliott@dcfm.org](mailto:sarah.elliott@dcfm.org) with any questions. FairShare CSA members, contact Executive Director Carrie at [carrie@csacoalition.org](mailto:carrie@csacoalition.org) with any questions.*

*Online Emergency Farmer Fund Application can be found here:*

<http://bit.ly/EmergencyFarmerFundApplication>

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<sup>1</sup> DCFM members in good standing have complied with all member requirements, including submitting annual membership application and paying annual member fee, while not being subject to any form of suspension. FairShare-endorsed farms that are in good standing will have paid their 2020 annual dues and have completed the prior year's annual survey.

# Dane County Farmers' Market and FairShare CSA Coalition Emergency Farmer Fund Application

**How to Apply:** Fill out the information below completely and thoroughly to be considered for the Emergency Farmer Fund. **Reminder that funds will only be considered for current hardship, not anticipated losses of income.** Strong applications that are more likely to be funded will include concrete details about the hardship already experienced due to COVID-19 and outline in as much detail as possible how funds will be used.

Email form to DCFM Assistant Manager Jill at [asst@dcfm.org](mailto:asst@dcfm.org) or mail to DCFM, PO Box 1485, Madison, WI 53701, with 'Attn: Emergency Farmer Fund' at top.

<b>Primary Contact First Name:</b>	
<b>Primary Contact Last Name:</b>	
<b>Additional applicants' names (first &amp; last):</b>	
<b>Business Name:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Products grown, raised, or made:</b>	
<b>Amount Requested (funds requested cannot exceed \$500):</b>	
<b>Please describe the nature of the current (not anticipated) hardship due to COVID-19 and include as much detail as possible about the financial losses and when it was experienced. Limit to 150 words.</b>	
<b>How would the funds be used? Include as much detail as possible (for example, 'we will be using requested funds to support 1 employee at quarter time for 1 month at this pay rate' or '\$300 will pay ½ of our \$600 mortgage payment'). Limit to 150 words.</b>	

APPLICATION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE

**Are you willing to have your story featured on DCFM and FairShare CSA Coalition social media, website, and e-mail marketing to help fundraise for the Emergency Farmer Fund?**

If you answer yes, we will reach out to you to solidify details about the 'funding success story' and will not post anything without prior approval. Featured 'Farmer Success Stories' will feature farms that successfully applied for and were granted Emergency Farmer Funds.

Yes  No

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Sign below or provide electronic signature below by typing full name.

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***Date***