Since launching at the end of October 2018, The Massachusetts Food Trust Program’s mission has remained the same: to provide loans, grants, and business assistance for increasing access to healthy, affordable food in low-income and underserved areas. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, the MFTP team has:

- **Provided small grants** to current MFTP clients who are adversely affected by health and economic crises. These grants have been used to increase inventory, purchase additional equipment, and serve the organization’s other most immediate needs.
- **Reached out to current MFTP clients** who have seen their operations drastically reduced or closed. We have been working with them to apply for federal, state, and local emergency funding programs.
- **Begun conversations** with current MFTP clients and applicants about the need for capital to restart operations in the future. We are **offering loans at 0% interest** with deferred principal payments for 6-12 months with regular interest rates and repayment terms thereafter. Terms valid through **October 15, 2020**.

With the steps outlined above, the MFTP team hopes to remain a resource for organizations to rely on as we are all impacted by COVID-19.

**We are ready to serve you.**

If you are (or know of) an organization that could benefit from support in the form of a grant, loan, or business assistance with additional support from MFTP team members and flexible and adaptable financial terms, **please complete our application today**.

**Funding is still available** and we are accepting applications on a rolling basis until all funds have been deployed! For more information, please visit the MFTP’s official website, [https://massfoodtrustprogram.org/](https://massfoodtrustprogram.org/).