

## For Immediate Release

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## **Organically Grown Company Awards Mission Fund Grants to 25 Stakeholder Partners**

**PORTLAND, OR.** – *November 4, 2021* - Organically Grown Company (OGC), a distributor and marketer of fresh organic produce, today announced the recipients of its most recent round of Mission Fund investments. OGC is awarding \$160,000 in grants to 25 local nonprofits and businesses this fall as part of its purpose-focused giving program.

"OGC's Mission Fund grants are central to our mission to invest in people, practices, and organizations contributing to equitable and sustainable agricultural systems for local and global health," said Sarah Brown, OGC's head of stakeholder strategy. "Reinvesting profits across our stakeholder groups is embedded in our trust-owned business model, recognizing that our wellness is interconnected, and their success is ours."

OGC's Mission Fund grantmaking is dedicated to positively impacting a broad range of stakeholders, chosen for their alignment with the company's priority funding areas which focus on:

- Supporting growers, handlers, and customers with direct relationships to OGC. Grants target projects that increase resiliency, viability, strengthen our relationships or address consistent supply chain barriers
- Programs building equity in our regional farm and food system by supporting underserved or underrepresented communities, including those who identify as Black, persons of color, Indigenous, and LGBTQIA+
- Supporting small and medium farm viability
- Supporting grower and eater communities by funding product innovation, engagement, and research.
- Programs to grow the organic trade and sector

After a months-long grantmaking process, which included coworker-led nominations, reviewing, scoring, and selection, the following partners and community allies are receiving Mission Fund grants from OGC:

- Boldly Grown Farm
- Calypso Farm and Ecology Center
- Circle h Farm
- Commonplace Farm
- Pacific Coast Harvest
- <u>Ecotrust</u>
- Eloisa Organic Farm
- Food Access & Aggregation Community Team
- Gathering Together Farm
- Grow Food

- Growing Gardens
- Hillsboro Food Co-op
- Johansen Ranch, Inc.
- Kitchen Table Advisors
- Dharma Ridge Farm (Leland Valley Produce)
- Mishjacks Catering
- Nurturing Roots Farm
- Oregon Community Food Systems Network
- Our Table Cooperative
- Port Orford Community Co-op
- Salud Raw Food
- Sunrise Organic Farm
- Wakulima USA
- Whitewater Ranch
- Yisrael Family Urban Farm

OGC's grants are awarded annually and provide an ongoing opportunity for stakeholder engagement.

## **About Organically Grown Company**

Organically Grown Company sources, aggregates and distributes fresh, organically grown produce to retailers, restaurants and eaters across the Pacific Northwest. For more than 40 years, the company's progressive and entrepreneurial spirit has fueled its mission and growth, meeting the demand for organics in the marketplace while supporting its community of farmers.