

The **Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture** is conducting an [online survey](#) in order to increase our understanding of the impact of the **Food Security Infrastructure Grant (FSIG)** and identify areas for program improvement.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic presented unique challenges for, and directed our attention to, the food supply chain in the Commonwealth. In response, the Baker-Polito Administration established the **Food Security Task Force**, which recommended implementing the Food Security Infrastructure Grant (FSIG) program. The program aims to support food system entities in overcoming and adapting to pandemic-related challenges. Specifically, the program has sought proposals for projects that support residents' equitable access to food, especially locally sourced food, as well as projects that promote the resilience and connectivity of the Commonwealth's food system.

Since the program's inception, the Legislature has appropriated **\$100,570,000** in funds for its operation. Throughout two application rounds since June 2020, the **FSIG program has awarded over \$62 million to over 500 applicants from nearly every municipality** in the Commonwealth.

Your responses will help us assess the program. All information collected will be made confidential and your individual answers will not be linked with your name in any reports. Your participation is voluntary, and should you come across a question you would rather not answer, please feel free to skip it and move on to the next question.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Shannon Emmett, Research Director for the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, at shannon.emmett@mahouse.gov.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey. We value your responses and feedback, and appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

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