FARMERS MARKET FUND

Board Member Position Description

What We Do

Farmers Market Fund strengthens Oregon's food system to better serve people experiencing food insecurity by reducing barriers to purchasing locally grown food, supporting small farmers and markets, and growing community-based economies. Our Double Up Food Bucks program matches SNAP (formerly food stamps) dollars spent on fruits and vegetables at over 108 farmers markets and 28 farm stands across Oregon. We are united in a vision for a just and nourishing future where Oregonians can access and enjoy locally grown food with dignity. Learn about our community driven future in FMF's 3-year Strategic Plan. For more information, please visit our website www.farmersmarketfund.org

Board Member Roles

As the highest leadership body of the organization, the Board is responsible for

- Collaborating with Executive Director to support the work of FMF and provide leadership and governance
- Conducting long-range strategic and organizational planning
- Ensuring strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- Selecting and evaluating the performance of the Executive Director
- Fundraising and resource development
- Extending the reach of FMF in the state of Oregon
- Participating in advocacy and policy activities as they affect FMF

Board Member Expectations and Responsibilities

Each individual Board member is expected to

- Prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in Board meetings
- Serve on at least one Board Committee
- Check email regularly for Board communications, and give timely responses
- Know FMF's mission, goals, policies, programs, strengths, and needs
- Serve as an active advocate and ambassador for the organization
- Strive to recommend Board nominees who will be assets to the organization
- Disclose any possible conflicts of interest
- Contribute to the fundraising efforts of the organization (board members not obligated to give financial support)

Board Terms and Participation

Board meetings (typically 1.5 hours) and committee meetings (typically 1 hour) are held monthly via Zoom. Board members are expected to follow the organization's bylaws, policies, and resolutions and to maintain confidentiality about all internal matters of Farmers Market Fund. Board terms are traditionally 3 years in length.

Recruitment Priorities

Farmers Market Fund welcomes all applicants but is especially seeking board members who:

- Live in areas outside of Portland, especially rural communities.
- Have experience or expertise with previous board service, financial oversight, fundraising, navigating risk and legal issues, organizational growth and development.
- Have lived experience with hunger, farming, social services, and farmers market management.

We recognize that long-stranding structural inequities have ensured that the burdens of food insecurity fall more heavily on people of color, immigrants and refugees, single parents and caregivers, and trans and gender non-conforming Oregonians. We enthusiastically welcome members of these communities to join the FMF Board of Directors. FMF is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate or exclude applications on the basis of demographic information.

If you'd like to contribute to our work, please submit your board member application here by September 30th, 2026