"We are committed to keeping the traditions of small, independent American farms alive."

—CHRIS MITTELSTAEDT, FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, THE FRUITGUYS COMMUNITY FUND

ABOUT THE FUND

Founded in 2012, The FruitGuys Community Fund, a nonprofit fiscally sponsored project of Community Initiatives, is unique in providing small grants that have big impacts for farms. Our goal is to back small farms in their efforts for greater environmental and economic health, community engagement, and advocacy that supports sustainable agriculture.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2013, we funded five sustainability projects in CA and PA, totaling nearly $20,000. In 2014, our funding supported eight sustainability projects in CA, IL, MD, PA, and WI. Recipients were awarded a total of $30,000 in grants. In 2015, eight recipients were awarded a total of $35,643 in grants for sustainability projects in CA, IL, MD, and NJ. These grants help farms:

- Enhance pollinator insect habitats
- Conserve water
- Increase soil health
- Extend growing season
- Increase productivity and yields

HOW TO HELP  For more information on how you can help support small, independent American farms and promote environmental sustainability, please visit: fruitguyscommunityfund.org

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