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**United States Department of Agriculture Supports
The Food Project's Dudley Grows Initiative**

September 22, 2015 -- Lincoln, MA -- The Food Project was chosen by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to receive a \$87,723 grant through their Local Food Promotion Program to support The Food Project's Dudley Grows Community Food Enterprise Initiative. This grant will help build a resident-owned supply chain for fresh, healthy, locally grown produce in Boston's Dudley neighborhood.

"We are very grateful to the United States Department of Agriculture for their support of our transformative work in the Dudley neighborhood of Roxbury and Dorchester;" said J. Harrison, executive director of The Food Project. "This grant will support local retailers in increasing their supply of fresh and prepared foods sourced from neighborhood growers and processors, as well as introducing new mechanisms to ensure affordability for local residents while maintaining strong pricing for producers."

The USDA's Local Food Promotion Program aims to develop and expand local and regional food business enterprises to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets.

The Food Project is grateful for the support of the USDA and looks forward to continuing this productive partnership.

To find out how you can support The Food Project's mission to create a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system, visit [The Food Project on the web](#).

About The Food Project

Since their founding in 1991, The Food Project has grown into a nationally-recognized non-profit organization that works at the intersection of youth, food, and community. For more than 25 years, The Food Project has brought youth and adults from diverse backgrounds together on their farms to produce healthy food for residents of the city and suburbs to build a local and sustainable food system. The organization believes that food is a unique vehicle for creating personal and social change. The Food Project aims to transform our food system into an equitable and inclusive model and that is community-controlled and supports food justice for all.

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