



2025 NOFA-VT Farm Share Application Restructure Advisory Committee Roles & Responsibilities

Advisory Committee Scope

The 2025 Farm Share Advisory Committee will meet to recommend updates on the structure of the NOFA-VT Farm Share Program application process to serve community members and farmers more equitably. The Committee will meet at least twice as a full group between April and September 2025. There may be additional meetings if needed, as determined by the Committee.

Selection of Committee

NOFA-VT staff will select participants to ensure diverse representation from groups most impacted by the Farm Share Program and food insecurity. We will prioritize representation from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, people living with disabilities, multilingual community members, and LGBTQ+ community members.

What to expect

Committee members are expected to attend two meetings, approximately two hours each. Depending on the committee members' needs, these meetings may be in person, virtual, or a combination. Additionally, there may be 1-2 hours of work requested of committee members before these meetings. In the case that additional meetings are determined necessary, these will be optional for members to attend, depending on their availability.

In the first committee meeting, members will get to know each other, review the goals of the process and guiding principles, and will map the group's collective knowledge and expertise. Then, members will identify issues with the Farm Share application process.

The second committee meeting will center around consensus building and decision making. The committee will recommend changes to NOFA-VT regarding the Farm Share application process.

NOFA-VT staff will determine what recommendations can be viably implemented within the organization's administrative and financial capacity, and will formalize proposed changes for final approval by the Committee. The implementation of the changes will begin for the fall Farm Share application cycle in September. Committee members will have the opportunity to provide continuing feedback after the scope of this process concludes.

Compensation

Committee members will be compensated at a rate of \$50/hour. Mileage and childcare reimbursement will be available for in-person meetings.

Questions? Reach out to Johanna Doren, Direct Markets & Local Food Access Program Director, at johanna@nofavt.org.