

# Advocate for Healthy Food Access in NYC

**Every New Yorker should have access to the foods that help support a balanced diet and a healthier life.** Yet 1.2 million residents of New York City live in lower income communities with limited access to healthy food retail.

**Join the Healthy Food Retail Action Network Advocacy Committee to advocate for programs that will increase access to healthy food, especially for neighborhoods that need it most.** Tell us what YOU want to see in your neighborhood and how we can work together to expand funding for and launch new programs such as:

 **\$15 million for SNAP Incentives: help New Yorkers afford fresh fruits and vegetables by expanding programs such as Health Bucks.**

1 in 5 New Yorkers receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, which reduce food insecurity and help households rise out of poverty. SNAP incentives can help people eat more fruits and vegetables and increase the quality of their diet.

 **\$10 million for a Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI): help local grocers open, expand, and improve grocery stores in neighborhoods that need food and jobs the most.**

HFFI is a public-private partnership that provides low-interest loans and grants for the establishment and retention of grocery stores and other food establishments. These programs increase access to healthy foods, create jobs for people in the neighborhood, create markets for farmers, and have the potential to lower health care costs.

 **\$3 million for Healthy Corner Store Initiatives: increase the amount of healthy food offered in bodegas, particularly in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.**

Healthy corner store initiatives help stores educate their customers about the availability of healthy options. These programs train and provide incentives such as grants and free equipment to corner store owners, so they make the commitment to provide healthier foods. In addition, they engage residents and community-based organizations to make sure consumers are educated and stores promote and market the healthy items.

## Join us to advocate for healthy food access



***Tell us how these policies will impact your community***



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