



INVESTING IN BLACK-OWNED FOOD & FARM BUSINESSES WITH AMIBA

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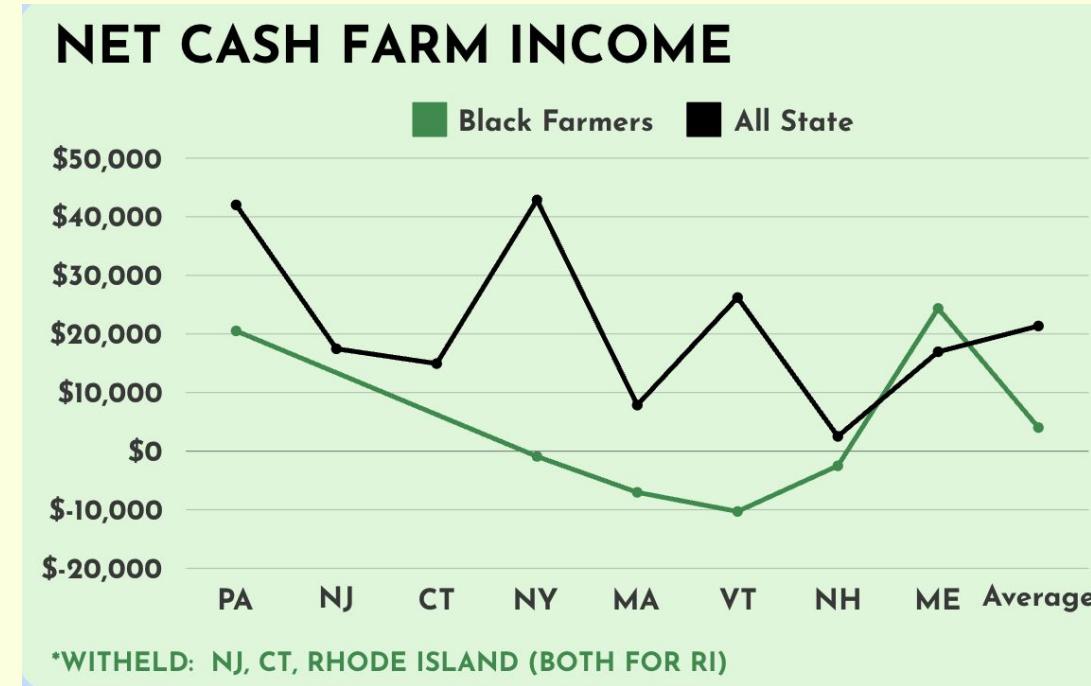


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THE PROBLEM



White farmers make 5x more
than Black farmers.

POWER

IS AN ISSUE.



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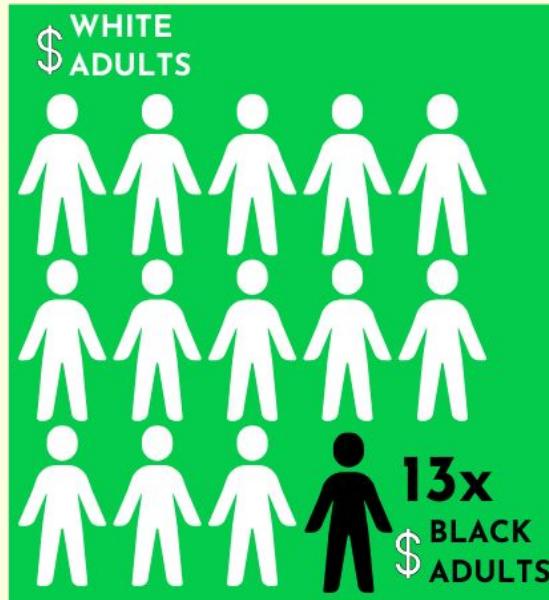
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ACRES OF
LAND
IN THE
NORTHEAST

4,260

BLACK-
OWNED

WEALTH BY RACE



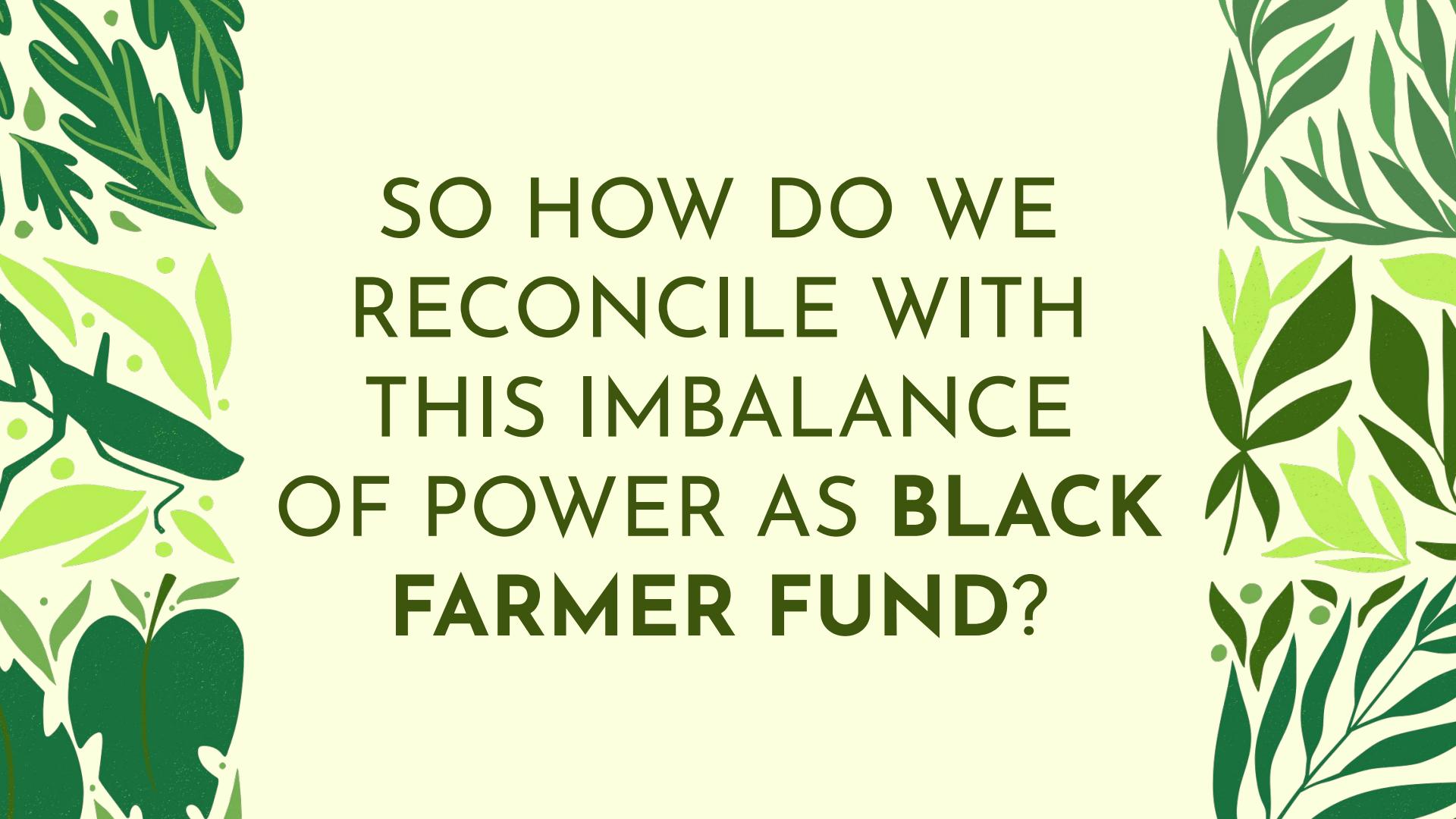
White business owners are generating 13x the income in comparison to black business owners.

THE PROBLEM

Intentional systemic
discrimination of Black
Farmers and food
business owners



WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FIELD
OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS,
FUNDS, ETC. **THE DECISIONS
ARE TYPICALLY HELD BY
THOSE OUTSIDE OF THE
COMMUNITY.**



**SO HOW DO WE
RECONCILE WITH
THIS IMBALANCE
OF POWER AS BLACK
FARMER FUND?**

OUR MISSION

To nurture Black community
wealth & health by investing
in Black agricultural systems
in the Northeast.

THE SOLUTION

BFF is the first Black farmer-led 501c3 community investment fund offering financing options pairing **gifts, low-interest loans, technical assistance, and community connections** for the advancement of Black farmers and food businesses across the Northeast.

IMPACT

SINCE 2021

\$14.3M

RAISED FOR
BFF FUND 2.0

\$6.3M

DEPLOYED ACROSS THE
NORTHEAST BFF PILOT
FUND & FUND 2.0

\$726K

IN EMERGENCY
RELIEF

630+

HOURS OF
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE

160+

COMMUNITY MEMBER
PARTICIPANTS FOR
COMMUNITY WORKDAYS

IMPACT

SINCE 2021

70

RAPID RESPONSE
FUND RECIPIENTS

20

COMMUNITY GARDEN
FUND RECIPIENTS

COMMUNITY
WORKDAYS
•
SITE VISITS
•
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE
•
RAPID RESPONSE
FUND
•
COMMUNITY
GARDEN FUND
•
SKILLSHARES



BFF FUND 2.0

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

- Ownership
- Opportunity
- Social Capital
- Trust
- Social Good
- Democratic

ECOLOGICAL WELLBEING

- Local Distribution Practices
- Regenerative Agriculture
- Positive Health Outcomes

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- Financial Viability
- Coachability
- Community Prosperity

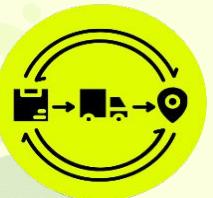
BFF FUND 2.0



Low interest loans,
gifts, and resources
to emerging food
businesses



Training, technical
assistance and
education



Building a supportive
network of
community-focused
agricultural
entrepreneurs



Emphasis on local
and regional support

OUR PORTFOLIO



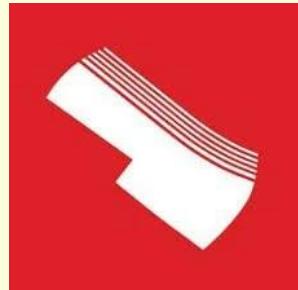
Farm + Processing



Distributor + Co-Op



Farm + Herbalist



Meat Processing



Manufacturing



Farm

View the other
businesses we
support:



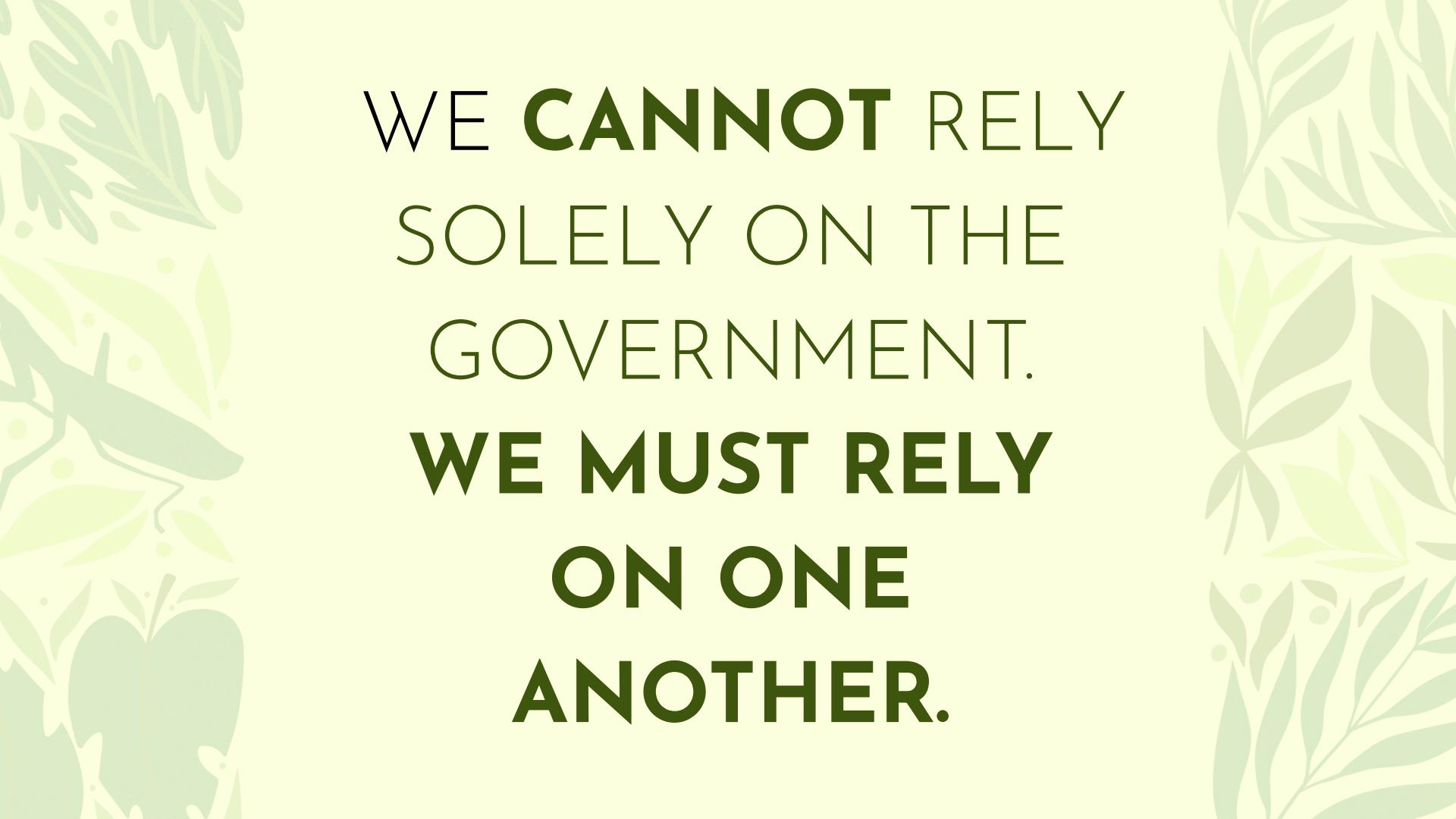
RAPID RESPONSE FUND & COMMUNITY GARDEN FUND



A decorative background featuring a dense arrangement of stylized green leaves and branches, with varying shades of green and some small white dots, creating a natural and organic feel.

WE ARE IN THIS

TOGETHER



**WE CANNOT RELY
SOLELY ON THE
GOVERNMENT.**

**WE MUST RELY
ON ONE
ANOTHER.**

WHAT CAN WE DO?

During Black History Month, it is vital that we continue to support Black Businesses through intentional giving practices. What does this look like?

- Profit sharing or proceeds donations
- Thoughtful collaborations
- Showing up for the communities served

HOW TO SUPPORT

GIVING



SUPPORT PORTFOLIO



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BLACK
FARMER
FUND

A photograph showing two hands, one larger and one smaller, holding a long, thin, yellow-green plant, possibly a seedling or a small root vegetable. The hands are positioned as if presenting or examining the plant. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural, agricultural setting.

THANK
YOU.



Q&A