

Commitment to Community Partner Policy

Brattleboro Food Co-op partners with non-profit community organizations that align with our Co-op Principles and Ends Policies, and need volunteers! Shareholders of the Co-op can volunteer with our Commitment to Community Partners and receive a discount.

Our Ends Policies:

- Reasonably priced food and products with an emphasis on healthy, locally grown, organic, and fairly traded goods;
- A welcoming community marketplace;
- A workplace community where cooperative values are modeled;
- A regenerative business that has a net positive environmental impact;
- A sustainable local economy;
- Relevant information about food and related products, the environment, and the Cooperative Values and Principles;
- Reasonable access to participation in the cooperative.

And Co-operative Principles:

Voluntary and Open Membership, Democratic Member Control, Member Economic Participation, Autonomy and Independence, Education, Training, and Information, Cooperation Among Cooperatives, and Concern for Community

Priority is given to organizations that serve to end hunger, support those communities most in need and strengthen the local food system. We do not partner with partisan organizations or those that advance a particular religious belief.

How to Join the Commitment to Community Program

- Requests must be received in writing and accompanied by our Commitment to Community application, proof of 501(c)(3) status and proof of insurance coverage for volunteers.

- Application can be found at brattleborofoodcoop.coop/community/c2c and can be submitted digitally or hand-written via the pdf found on web.
- Organizations will be considered based on how closely they align with our Ends Policies and Co-operative Principles and exhibit an ability to track and report hours.
- New Partners will start the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1) following their application's approval or at the discretion of the Co-op.
- Brattleboro Food Co-op reserves the right to: deny partners, stop working with partners once accepted to the program and change Commitment to Community policies.
- Brattleboro Food Co-op limits this program to a specific number of partners and available hours each year.

Once You Have Become a Commitment to Community Partner

- Shareholder workers contact Commitment to Community Partners directly to set up a volunteer shift.
- Shareholder workers log their hours with the Commitment to Community Partner, who is then required to report the hours to Brattleboro Food Co-op Shareholder Services by the end of each month.
- Brattleboro Food Co-op will publicize volunteer opportunities. It will also list Commitment to Community Partners and their contact information on the Co-op's website and at our Customer Service and Shareholder Services desk. For more information, go to <https://www.brattleborofoodcoop.coop/community/commitment-to-community/>

Questions?

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