

# Do you need money for your local food business? Get to know Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation.

## FEAST Local Foods Network

Group of local foods stakeholders who work to develop a coordinated and sustainable food system in southern Minnesota, made up of representatives from:

- SMIF
- Renewing the Countryside
- MN Department of Agriculture
- University of Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership
- Many more

### WHAT WE DO

To ensure the local foods producers have ample opportunity to create and grow thriving, sustainable, and profitable businesses this region must address **three key areas:**

#### Financial support

Finance Advisory Group  
Local Foods Fund

#### Business expertise

Market Development  
Peer-to-Peer Network

#### Regional connections

Resource Development  
Local Foods Tradeshow:  
[www.local-feast.org](http://www.local-feast.org)

The FEAST network supports both the industry and individual needs of local food production.

Keith Adams, Owner  
Alemar Cheese Company, Mankato



## LOCAL FOODS LOAN FUND

Our Local Foods loans support the start-up or expansion of businesses engaged in locally or regionally produced agricultural food products. Local foods producers will have the opportunity to receive mentoring and assistance through the FEAST Local Foods Finance Advisory Network, in addition to SMIF's technical assistance.

### Investment Amount

Up to \$200,000

### Who can apply?

SMIF Local Food Loans are for start-up or existing businesses that engage in locally or regionally produced agricultural food products. This can include growers, makers or distributors.

### How to apply?

Visit [www.smifoundation.org](http://www.smifoundation.org) or call 507-455-3215.



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