



FOUNDATION

# The Kroger Co. Foundation

**We're on a mission to create communities free of hunger and waste in the places we call home. We focus our philanthropic efforts on building stronger communities and supporting neighbors in need.**

The Kroger Co. Foundation is Kroger's private foundation, established in 1987. The Foundation works to make a difference at the national and local levels. We focus on supporting our communities' needs today and finding innovative solutions to build a better tomorrow.

In 2019, the Foundation directed \$10.5 million in grants to non-profit organizations that improve food security and provide critical support for individuals and families in need. We strategically aligned most of our grant portfolio to advance Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste social impact plan.

## Our Focus Areas



**Zero hunger: hunger relief**



**Disaster relief**



**Zero waste: sustainability**



**Women's health**



**Diversity, equity & inclusion**



**Military & veterans**



**Health & nutrition**



**Local community support**



**Education & youth development**



## 2019 Highlights

**\$10.5M donated**

to local communities

**477 grants**

supporting programs in 33 states

## 2020 Commitments

**\$4.4M donated**

to COVID-19 relief efforts in our communities

**\$5M allocated**

to our Racial Equity Fund to advance social justice

## Our National Partners



### Feeding America

We support network operations and programs to direct more food to families in need in the places we call home.



### World Wildlife Fund

Grants support K-12 education to reduce food waste and programs to accelerate food waste-to-feed solutions.



### Congressional Hunger Center

Funding for the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship program helps cultivate a new generation of leaders in the fight against hunger.



### American Red Cross

As an Annual Disaster Giving Program partner, we help the Red Cross prepare for disasters before they happen.

## Our National Program



### Kroger Scholars

The Foundation has awarded more than \$3.8 million in scholarships to eligible dependents of Kroger associates.

# Our Local Impact

We take a strategic approach to grant-making, supporting neighbors in need to advance Kroger's Zero Hunger | Zero Waste social impact plan and provide help where needed most. In 2019, we directed grants to local organizations driving positive change in the communities we call home.

## We support community-based organizations that help:

Increase local infrastructure to recover and redistribute healthy food to families struggling with hunger.

Provide courses in nutrition and cooking for low-income individuals who want to prepare healthier meals at home.

Break the cycle of poverty by improving access to food, education, financial assistance and health services.

Empower individuals and families seeking self-sufficiency and healthier lifestyles.

Remove barriers to completing college by improving access to fresh food and essentials for students and their families.

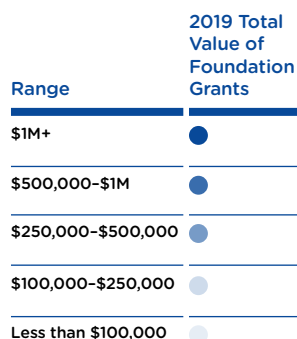
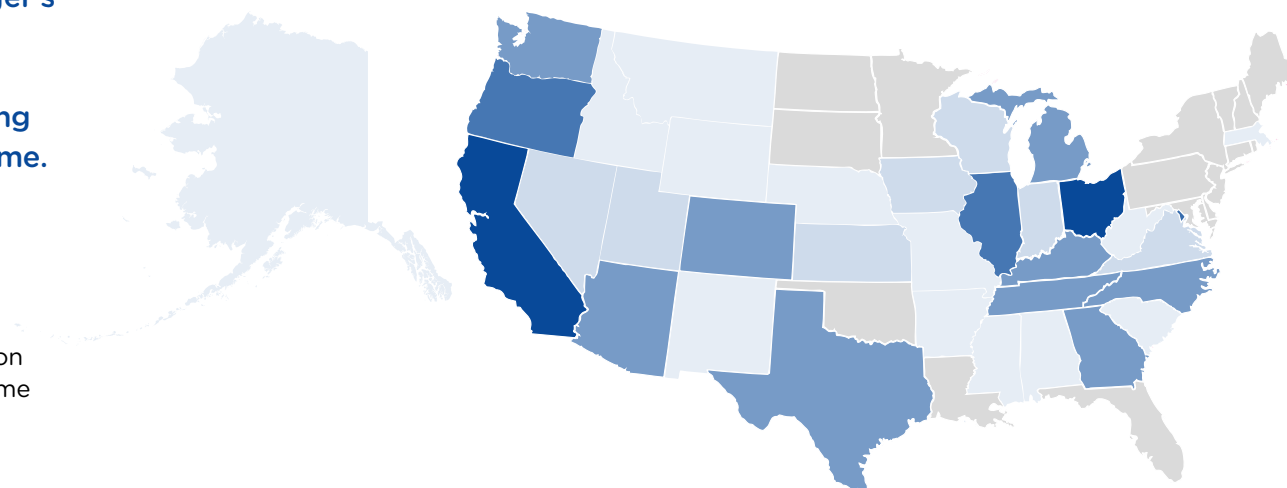
Improve composting infrastructure and divert organic waste from local landfills.

Train young people interested in pursuing careers in the culinary arts and achieving state certification.

Improve health and well-being for individuals with chronic conditions through diet-aligned meals that promote the power of food as medicine.

Find out more about our work at [www.thekrogerco.com/community/](http://www.thekrogerco.com/community/).

## Grants: 2019



To request a grant from The Kroger Co. Foundation, please visit this [website](#).

## Highlighted Grants



### BLOC Ministries (Cincinnati)

BLOC Ministries, a faith-based non-profit organization, offers activities to build hope, purpose and life skills. Through its Teaching Kitchen, it serves at-risk youth working to earn their GED certificate and provides free training for students pursuing state certification and a career in the culinary arts.



### The Store (Nashville, Tenn.)

Heaven South operates The Store, where eligible Nashville residents can shop for essentials at no charge. Our grant helps The Store provide healthier food options as people work toward self-sufficiency.