

Sharing stories about the ways small and medium sized Montana businesses are using Coronavirus Relief Funds to build resilience and bolster food security in communities across the state

## MONTANA AGRICULTURE ADAPTABILITY PROGRAM

Seeing a significant decrease in their sales to restaurants due to the pandemic, owners Bonnie

\$10,000 LIBBY. MT

and Rudy Geber pivoted their farming operation to include more sales of boxes of produce direct to consumers through Community Supported Ag (CSA) shares. Sales for their pre-boxed CSA shares have more than doubled this growing season. And with help from their grant, they were able to purchase a **refrigerated box van** to make safely transporting more orders possible. Their customers can pick up their shares in a contact-free environment. Plus, Hoot Owl Farm supports other local businesses by offering their products as add-ons to orders through their online sales platform.



Providing reliable access to fresh, healthy produce is particularly important in Libby where many residents suffer from respiratory disease or have compromised immune systems, making them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

