Local Incentives to Improve Access to Healthy Foods

Small food retail incentive laws lay out tax or financial incentives, in addition to, grants, loans or technical assistance provided to grocery stores, farmers markets or other small food retailers. In the United States, seven local jurisdictions were identified with small food retail incentive laws.

This report summarizes key findings from the Local Incentives to Improve Access to Healthy Foods dataset. Additional maps and tables are available by visiting www.LawAtlas.org.

- Small food retailer incentives are present in all seven local jurisdictions included in this dataset (Baltimore, MD; Kansas City, MO; Miami, FL; Prince George’s County, MD; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; and Washington, DC).
- Four jurisdictions incentivize retailers that accept government subsidized food assistance, like SNAP or WIC (Kansas City, MO; Miami, FL; Prince George’s County, MD; and Washington, DC).
- Five jurisdictions specify the area or zone where small food retailers must be located or serve to be eligible for the incentive (Baltimore, MD; Kansas City, MO; Prince George’s County, MD; San Francisco, CA, and Washington, DC).
- Four jurisdictions specify the types of foods that should be sold by a retailer to be eligible for the incentive (Baltimore, MD; Kansas City, MO; Prince George’s County, MD; and San Francisco, CA).