

# Northwest Equal Dollars Market & Community Food Bank @ USG



Great Selections.  
Free food for those who qualify.  
Equal Dollars Accepted.  
(see back for details)

**Broccoli, Spinach, Cabbage, Bananas, Fresh Herbs,  
Bagged Salads ...and much, much more!**

*Save some US Dollars Today! Use Your Equal Dollars!*

**1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 4-7pm (beginning June 16th)**

**Unitarian Society of Germantown | 6511 Lincoln Drive**

For more information visit [www.equaldollars.org](http://www.equaldollars.org) or e-mail [info@equaldollars.org](mailto:info@equaldollars.org)



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### What is Equal Dollars Community Currency?

Equal Dollars is a community currency system created in 1995 by Philadelphia-based nonprofit, Resources for Human Development, to provide people living in Philadelphia with a vehicle for expanding their economic activity. The Equal Dollars system is one of many community currencies that support and expand local economies in the United States. Community currencies can be found today in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

### How does it work?

It's really simple. All you have to do is shop with businesses that accept the Equal Dollars Community Currency. You will be able to partially pay for goods and services with your Equal Dollars. In some cases a member business may accept 100% Equal Dollars.

### Is using Equal Dollars legal?

Local currencies are legal and there are many of them throughout the United States. Like US dollars, they are a form of taxable income. The Federal Reserve and the Internal Revenue Service have no prohibitions on local currencies, as long as their value is fixed to the US dollar, the minimum denomination is worth at least 1 unit, and the bills do not look like federal money.

### How can I get Equal Dollars?

That's easy too! Just join the Equal Dollars Community! Sign up to become a member and get 50=\$s to get you started. The membership fee is \$10 US. Businesses pay \$25 US membership fee and get 125=\$s.

### After I spend my 50=\$s, how do I get more?

There are several ways to replenish your =\$s

1. COMMUNITY SERVICE! Volunteer at a local community organization, church, neighborhood library, school, recreation center, community garden, block clean up, etc. and you will receive an =\$ gratuity as a way of thanking you for your community service. To volunteer at the Northwest Equal Dollars Market & Community Food Bank at USG email [info@equaldollars.org](mailto:info@equaldollars.org)!
2. Have gently used or never used items around your house or garage? Email a photo and listing information to [info@equaldollars.org](mailto:info@equaldollars.org) and we'll include your listing in our weekly email to our members! Be sure to include a phone number or email address where you can be reached for questions.

### As a business, what do I have to do to accept Equal Dollars payments?

Join the Equal Dollars Community! Once you join, you will receive 125=\$s in your account along with materials that will help you trade in Equal Dollars, including signs, stickers and brochures. Additionally, you'll be listed on our on-line directory and we'll keep you informed of the latest Equal Dollars developments via updates and newsletters.

### How would I accept Equal Dollars Community Currency in my business?

Simply accept a portion of your selling price in Equal Dollars. For example, you've decided to accept 10% in =\$s. An =\$s member's purchase total is \$40.00. You would accept \$36.00 US and 4=\$s. Also, if you have unsold goods, products, services or staff hours you can exchange them for goods and services you NEED. Email [info@equaldollars.org](mailto:info@equaldollars.org) for more information on the Equal Dollars Business-to-Business Exchange.

### As a business, what do I do with the Equal Dollars that I earn?

1. Spend them with a fellow Equal Dollar business member. We are working every day to expand our network of merchants that accept Equal Dollars.
2. Give your employees a bonus using Equal Dollars!
3. Donate them to one of the community organizations listed in the directory and get a tax deduction.

### How can I support Equal Dollars Community Currency?

Trade or exchange with Equal Dollars! Become an active member today.

"Legal Aspects of Local Currency," Chapter 7 from [HYPERLINK "http://www.smallisbeautiful.org/local\\_currencies/Book.pdf"](http://www.smallisbeautiful.org/local_currencies/Book.pdf) Rethinking Our Centralized Monetary System: the Case for a System of Local Currencies, by Lewis D. Solomon, professor of law at George Washington University. See also [HYPERLINK "http://www.smallisbeautiful.org/local\\_currencies/solomon\\_notes.pdf"](http://www.smallisbeautiful.org/local_currencies/solomon_notes.pdf) Foreword by Robert Swann & Chapter Notes. Copyright © 1996 by Lewis D. Solomon, published by Praeger Press. Used here with the kind permission of Professor Solomon and the [HYPERLINK "http://www.greenwood.com"](http://www.greenwood.com) Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., Westport, CT.