

ESTABLISHING AN EQUITY FOOD PROGRAM FOR 2021

In the 2021 budget, the Dane County Board of Supervisors appropriated funding to encourage the innovative developments of projects that advance equity and access in local food systems in Dane County. To better assess the viability of potential projects, the Office for Equity and Inclusion (“OEI”) oversaw a grant process that invited individuals and organizations to identify and explain how their proposals would meet the needs of the community.

At the conclusion of the application review process, OEI identified the following class of individuals who could be helped by providing a service as part of a food equity program: low-income neighborhoods that focuses on increasing food access and security to families, children, teens and historically underserved populations in several Dane County communities. Awardees will be assisting in several Dane County communities including Black Earth, Fitchburg, Madison, Mazomanie, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin Heights and southern Dane County. In the area of growing and deliveries the awardees include: *The Flock Independent Supporters Association Inc.*, Slow Foods and 1000 Friends of Wisconsin Land Use. In the area of youth empowerment and skills training awardees in: Kindlinks Briarpatch Vegetable Garden Project and Goodman Community Center; addressing food desert needs: WI Heights Community Garden Food Pantry. Addressing hunger in community neighborhoods to children and families is the YMCA of Dane County Inc. Providing nutritious culturally appropriate foods is Bayview Foundation and addressing land use for underserved growers through outreach and workshops is Yowela Farms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish an equity food program for 2021 as a program for relief that will serve the specific class of persons identified in lines 12 to 24 of this Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office for Equity and Inclusion is hereby authorized to operate the 2021 Equity Food Program, and to secure the provision of services for the classes of persons previously identified.