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**ESTABLISHING AN EQUITY FOOD PROGRAM FOR 2022**

In the 2022 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 are in need of increasing food access and security to families, children, teens and historically underserved populations in several Dane County communities; low-income Dane County communities including Cambridge, DeForest, and Madison that are in need of supplies, growing and delivering food; educating students on proper composting and recycling; providing access to low-income youth that need support in the area of youth empowerment and skills training; working with youth who are courted ordered to provide community service to learn gardening skills and provide their families with access to fresh produce, providing seniors in the Dane County community who are in need of culturally appropriate foods and providing nutritionally balanced meals to individuals who are experiencing homelessness and to children and adults in low-income neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish an equity food program for 2022 as a program for relief that will serve the specific class of persons identified in lines 12 to 22 of this Resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Office for Equity and Inclusion is hereby authorized to operate the 2022 Equity Food Program, and to secure the provision of services for the classes of persons previously identified.