

ESTABLISHING AN EQUITY FOOD PROGRAM FOR 2019

In the 2019 budget, the Dane County Board of Supervisors appropriated \$20,000 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 grant process, OEI identified the following classes of individuals who could be helped through various services as part of a food equity program: (a) low-income and impoverished Dane County members of the Cambodian community that are in need of a food pantry; (b) Hmong subsistence and market growers who need help overcoming obstacles when trying to secure land for farming in Waunakee; (c) CDA housing residents that live in the Worthington Park area and residents of the East Pointe Apartments in Madison who are in need of a food pantry program; (d) low to moderate income households in the Edgerton School District who could benefit from a food pantry program; (e) communities of color and low-income communities in the Meadowood area in Madison who are in need of a food pantry program; (f) individuals who are at or below 185% of the federal poverty level who reside in the South Side of Madison who need a food pantry program; and (g) low-income children in grade schools located in the Town and Village of Cottage Grove who are in need of weekend meals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish an equity food program for 2019 as a program for relief that will serve the specific classes 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 2019 Equity Food Program, and to secure the provision of services for each of the classes of persons previously identified.