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3 **2023 RES - 416**

4 **ESTABLISHING AN EQUITY FOOD PROGRAM FOR 2024**

5 In the 2024 budget, the Dane County Board of Supervisors appropriated \$40,000 in funding to  
6 encourage the innovative developments of projects that advance equity and access in local  
7 food systems in Dane County. To better assess the viability of potential projects, the Tamara D.  
8 Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion (“OEI”) oversaw a grant process that invited individuals  
9 and organizations to identify and explain how their proposals would meet the needs of the  
10 community.  
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12 At the conclusion of the application review process, OEI identified the following class of  
13 individuals who could be helped by providing a service as part of a food equity program: low-  
14 income neighborhoods that have increased food demands and are in need of expanded  
15 food assistance, access and security to families, children, teens, senior citizens,  
16 historically underserved populations and individuals at risk of hunger in several Dane  
17 County communities; low-income and under-employed Dane County communities  
18 including but not limited to Burke, Cambridge, Cottage Grove, DeForest, Sun Prairie,  
19 Oregon, Madison, Middleton, Fitchburg, Verona, Waunakee and Windsor. Communities  
20 that are in need of food for specific dietary needs, such as items that are Gluten Free, Nut  
21 Free, Dairy Free, Egg Free, culturally diets like kosher items, beans, rice, soy, etc. Food  
22 equity programs to assist the immediate provision for fresh garden produce, that  
23 incorporates local food into the school lunch menu that simultaneously supports local farmer  
24 and expose students to a variety of produce they may not have access to at home. Food  
25 equity programs help promote healthy habits, develop and teach educational demonstrations  
26 of growing, harvesting and cooking using indigenous farming techniques. Food programs that  
27 provide culturally appropriate foods and nutritionally balanced meals to seniors, children  
28 and adults. In addition, programs will help to reduce food waste for the farm that results from  
29 unsold or unharvested produce  
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31 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors does hereby  
32 establish an equity food program for 2024, as a program for relief that will serve the specific  
33 class of persons identified in lines 12 to 29 of this Resolution;  
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35 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion is hereby  
36 authorized to operate the 2024 Equity Food Program, and to secure the provision of services  
37 for the classes of persons previously identified.  
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