



2021 Partner in Equity Food Project Grant
Background Letter

Dear Applicant,

The Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion, in partnership with the Dane County Food Council, is pleased to announce the fourth annual Partner in Equity (PIE) Food Project Grant. This grant program was created to encourage the innovative development of projects that advance equity and access in local food systems across Dane County. The budget to support PIE food projects is \$19,500 in 2021.

Individuals and organizations with smaller projects are especially encouraged to apply.

As a result, there are two different application categories:

- Grant A pool of \$5,000 will support funding requests up to \$2,000
- Grant B pool of \$14,500 will support funding requests between \$2,001-\$4,000
 - Note: There are 3 additional questions to complete for applicants applying for Grant B.

Proposals should address one or more of the following focus areas:

- Increase access to healthy, local, culturally-relevant food
- Address issues of food waste and recovery
- Strengthen regional agriculture and ease access to land for growing food
- Address food system issues affected by COVID-19

Priority will be given to projects serving Dane County communities outside the City of Madison and those that impact under-resourced or underrepresented communities in Madison.

If your project primarily serves City of Madison communities, we encourage you to also consider applying for a [City of Madison 2021 Community Food Access Competitive Grants Program](#). You may apply to and receive funding from both that grant and this PIE grant, but not to exceed the total cost of your project.

To apply, complete the application form below. If you have questions or need assistance completing the application, please contact Theola Carter at (608) 283-1471 or by email at OEIGrantSubmission@countyofdane.com.

Please submit your application electronically (preferred) to OEIGrantSubmission@countyofdane.com. If you are unable to submit electronically, mail (**postmarked by 4:00 PM on Friday, February 5, 2021**) to:

ATTN: Theola V. Carter
Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 356
Madison, WI 53703

We look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Theola V. Carter, MPA
Manager of Policy and Program Improvement
Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Title of Proposal:

Funding Amount Requested: _____

GRANT A: \$2,000 or less ---> You **do not** need to fill out questions I.2, III.2, III.3

GRANT B: \$2,001-\$4,000 ---> You **do** need to fill out extra questions I.2, III.2, III.3

Agency/Organization/Group Name (Please provide the full, legal business name):

Address:

Contact Person (Name):

Telephone number:

Email:

Is your group a 501 (c)(3)? YES NO

Is your group Incorporated under Chapter 181 Wisc. Stats.? YES NO

If no to above, do you have a fiscal agent? YES Fiscal agent: _____ NO

PART I: PROJECT OVERVIEW (35 POINTS)

1. Please provide a brief overview of your project (*in 250 words or less*), including:

- Detailed description of the project including how it relates to food access, strengthening regional agriculture, and/or reducing food waste
- Who the project will serve
- Goals and outcomes the project seeks to accomplish
- Area(s) of Dane County your project will serve (please be as specific as possible)
- If applicable: How your project seeks to address the food systems issues affected by COVID-19

***ONLY REQUIRED IF APPLYING FOR GRANT B (requesting \$2,001-\$4,000):**

2. Who are you working with on this project? (e.g. funders, potential participants, other organizations or groups offering services in the same area, and/or governmental bodies). Please answer in 150 words or less.

PART II: COMMUNITY IMPACT, RACIAL EQUITY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (25 POINTS)

The following questions are about who your project/program reaches and the potential impacts to individuals and communities (direct, indirect; intended, unintended). Priority is given to communities outside the city of Madison and those that impact under-resourced/underrepresented communities. Please answer each question in 150 words or less.

1. Who (individuals or groups) does your project intend to serve; and, if appropriate, how will the intended recipients be engaged with this project?

2. Please describe how your project will be carried out, and explain the impacts to communities of color and/or low-income communities?

PART III: FINANCIAL NEED (30 POINTS)

1. Please describe specifically how the funds from this grant would be used:

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2. Grant dollars are often a crucial source of funding for organizations seeking to launch a project. Please outline if and how PIE Grant funds are essential to making your project a reality:

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3. PIE Grants are intended to be one-time, one-year grants. Do you have plans to continue this project beyond 2021? If so, how do you anticipate replacing county funds to ensure the sustainability of your project?

