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## Dane County Announces Recipients of 2020 Partners in Equity Food Grant Program

Today, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced 11 local agencies have been selected to receive the Tamara D. Grigsby Office of Equity and Inclusion's 2020 Partners in Equity (PIE) Food Grant. The PIE Food Grant was created to encourage the innovative development of projects that advance equity and access in local food systems across Dane County through educational and outreach services. This year's recipients were selected based on proposals intending to address issues related to healthy food access, access to land for growing food, or issues related to food waste and recovery.

"We are honored to partner with this year's grant recipients to address inequities in local food systems and increase opportunity in our community," said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. "This year's recipients are taking on a number of different initiatives that strive to achieve greater equity in Dane County. We are happy to partner with them in these efforts."

In total, \$25,000 will be awarded to recipients of the 2020 PIE Food Grant. 26 applications were received during the application period. More than \$66,000 was requested by applicants.

"The Partners in Equity Food Grant continues to be an asset to organizations and community centers by providing funding to sustain gardening projects, food pantries, and so much more," said Dane County Board Supervisor Shelia Stubbs.

### Recipients of the 2020 PIE Food Grant include:

*(full descriptions of each project/program are available in the attached document)*

#### Small Grants of \$1,999 or Less, Totaling \$9,640:

- **Access Community** - Fresh Produce for Group Medical Visit Patients -- \$1,500
- **Middleton Community Church UCC** - Summer Food Bag Program -- \$2,000
- **Edgerton Food Pantry Garden** - Edgerton Community Outreach (EOC) -- \$1,200
- **Neighborhood Planning Project** - Pilgrim Park Community Orchard -- \$500
- **Slow Food UW** - Good Feed Outreach and App Development -- \$2,000
- **The Grow Program** - Grow Program Improved Presentation, Communication & Collaboration -- \$1,996
- **WI Heights Community Garden** - Enhancement of Communal Fruit for WI Heights Community Garden -- \$444

Large Grants \$2,000 or Greater, Totaling \$15,360:

- **Middleton Outreach Ministries, Inc** - Increasing Access to MOM's Food Pantry through Education and Outreach -- \$3,840
- **Rooted WI Inc.** - Developing Community Growing Space with Displaced Hmong Growers --\$3,840
- **Vera Court Neighborhood Center Inc.** - Nutritious Food for All -- \$3,840
- **YMCA of Dane County Inc.** - Sun Prairie YMCA Mobil Meal Program -- \$3,840

To learn more about the Office of Equity and Inclusion and its mission, please visit: <https://oei-exec.countyofdane.com/>.

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*The Office for Equity and Inclusion furthers Dane County's ongoing commitment to addressing racial, gender, and disabilities disparities. The office guides Dane County's Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Contract Compliance, and Civil Rights Compliance functions and serves as a resource for all County departments around issues of equity, disparities, conflict resolution, staff development and best practices.*