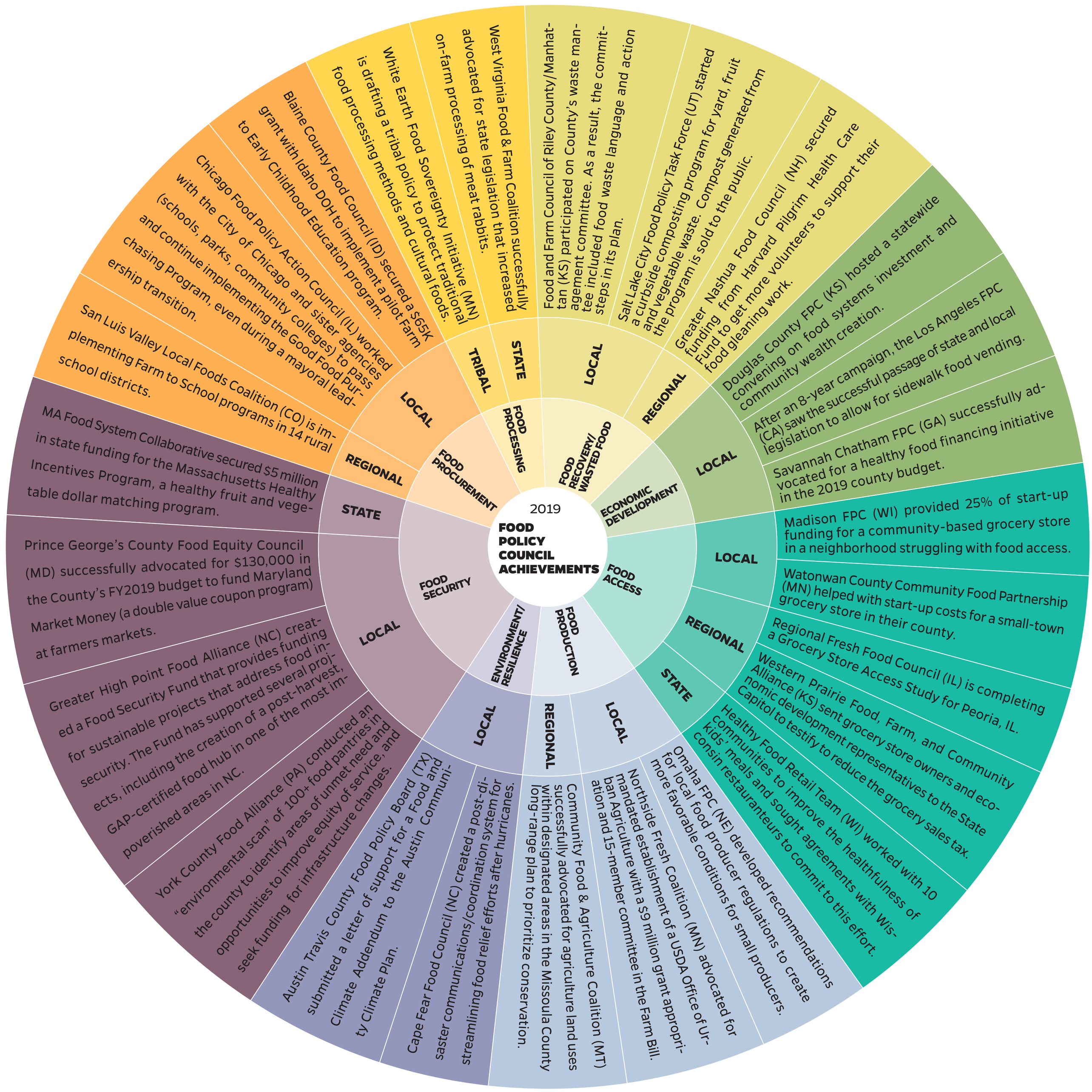
2019
FOOD POLICY COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS
FOOD PROCUREMENT
LOCAL
Blaine County Food Council (ID) secured a $65K grant with Idaho DOH to implement a pilot Farm to Early Childhood Education program.
Chicago Food Policy Action Council (IL) worked with the City of Chicago and sister agencies (schools, parks, community colleges) to pass and continue implementing the Good Food Purchasing Program, even during a mayoral leadership transition.
REGIONAL
San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition (CO) is implementing Farm to School programs in 14 rural school districts.
FOOD PROCESSING
TRIBAL
White Earth Food Sovereignty Initiative (MN) is drafting a tribal policy to protect traditional food processing methods and cultural foods.
STATE
West Virginia Food & Farm Coalition successfully advocated for state legislation that increased on-farm processing of meat rabbits.
FOOD RECOVERY/ WASTED FOOD
LOCAL
Food and Farm Council of Riley County/Manhattan (KS) participated on County's waste management committee. As a result, the committee included food waste language and action steps in its plan.
Salt Lake City Food Policy Task Force (UT) started a curbside composting program for yard, fruit and vegetable waste. Compost generated from the program is sold to the public.
REGIONAL
Greater Nashua Food Council (NH) secured funding from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Fund to get more volunteers to support their food gleaning work.
ECONOMIC DEVELIOPMENT
LOCAL
Douglas County FPC (KS) hosted a statewide convening on food systems investment and community wealth creation.
After an 8-year campaign, the Los Angeles FPC (CA) saw the successful passage of state and local legislation to allow for sidewalk food vending.
Savannah Chatham FPC (GA) successfully advocated for a healthy food financing initiative in the 2019 county budget.
FOOD ACCESS
LOCAL
Madison FPC (WI) provided 25% of start-up funding for a community-based grocery store in a neighborhood struggling with food access.
Watonwan County Community Food Partnership (MN) helped with start-up costs for a small-town grocery store in their county.
REGIONAL
Regional Fresh Food Council (IL) is completing a Grocery Store Access Study for Peoria, IL.
Western Prairie Food, Farm, and Community Alliance (KS) sent grocery store owners and economic development representatives to the State Capitol to testify to reduce the grocery sales tax.
STATE
Healthy Food Retail Team (WI) worked with 10 communities to improve the healthfulness of kids' meals and sought agreements with Wisconsin restauranteurs to commit to this effort.
FOOD PRODUCTION
LOCAL
Omaha FPC (NE) developed recommendations for local food producer regulations to create more favorable conditions for small producers.
REGIONAL
Northside Fresh Coalition (MN) advocated for mandated establishment of a USDA Office of Urban Agriculture with a $9 million grant appropriation and 15-member committee in the Farm Bill.
ENVIRONMENT/ RESILIENCE
Community Food & Agriculture Coalition (MT) successfully advocated for agriculture land uses within designated areas in the Missoula County long-range plan to prioritize conservation.
FOOD SECURITY
LOCAL
Cape Fear Food Council (NC) created a post-disaster communications/coordination system for streamlining food relief efforts after hurricanes.
Austin Travis County Food Policy Board (TX) submitted a letter of support for a Food and Climate Addendum to the Austin Community Climate Plan.
LOCAL
York County Food Alliance (PA) conducted an "environmental scan" of 100+ food pantries in the county to identify areas of unmet need and opportunities to improve equity of service, and seek funding for infrastructure changes.
Greater High Point Food Alliance (NC) created a Food Security Fund that provides funding for sustainable projects that address food insecurity. The Fund has supported several projects, including the creation of a post-harvest, GAP-certified food hub in one of the most impoverished areas in NC.
STATE
MA Food System Collaborative secured $5 million in state funding for the Massachusetts Healthy Incentives Program, a healthy fruit and vegetable dollar matching program.
Prince George's County Food Equity Council (MD) successfully advocated for $130,000 in the County's FY2019 budget to fund Maryland Market Money (a double value coupon program) at farmers markets.