

**2021
FOOD
POLICY
COUNCIL
ACHIEVEMENTS**

PARTNERSHIPS

Del Norte and Adjacent Tribal Lands Community Food Council partnered with Humboldt FPC and the Yurok Tribe Food Sovereignty Program, in California, on a Covid-19 relief grant to aid fisherfolk through the purchase of fresh fish for food boxes distributed by emergency food agencies.

Johnson County FPC (KS) assisted the Johnson County Transit Department to successfully write a grant for transit vouchers for people facing barriers and food access barriers.

Good Food Council of Lewiston-Auburn (ME) drafted a new chapter on food access, production and growing the agriculture economy for the Auburn Comprehensive Plan that was approved by the City of Auburn.

Orange County Food Council (NC) convened a Black Farmer Think Tank, a pilot program for community members most impacted by systemic racism and oppression in the food system to lead the process to design policies and other solutions.

PROGRAMS

Pueblo Food Project (CO) launched an online hunger relief pantry stocked with all local products.

Gary Food Council (IN) secured and implemented a \$50,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation to help young people learn about urban agriculture and how to market their value-added products.

Food in Neighborhoods Community Coalition (KY) created a community land access micro-grant program and guide to help people purchase vacant lots to grow food.

Allen County Food Policy Council (OH) started a Green Prescription Program pilot in partnership with a local hospital and food bank.

Oneida Community Integrated Food Systems increased its Black Angus herd to better provide for the needs of the community on the Oneida Indian Reservation, located in Wisconsin. It is also seeking to conduct a meat processing facility feasibility study to address and identified need in the local food system.

Riverside Food Systems Alliance (CA) provided Good Agricultural Practices training and farm certification for farmers qualifying them to sell their produce to the local food hub, which sells to the school district, childcare centers, and restaurants.

POLICY

Colorado Food Systems Advisory Council issued six policy briefs on federal and state stimulus dollars, universal school meals, and agricultural workers, meat processing, land and water conservation, meat processing, land procurement, and institutional food and state bills and over \$29 million in new state food and agriculture spending.

Jefferson County Food Policy Council (CO) supported drafting and advocated for a state Agricultural Workers' Rights bill.

Pasco County Food Policy Council (FL) provided feedback to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to include food security goals, preservation of agricultural land, and acknowledgment of the impact of future environmental events on agriculture in the Regional Resilient Action Plan.

Washtenaw County FPC (MI) hosted a virtual State Representative Candidate Forum for the candidates running on the November 2020 ballot from Washtenaw County. The event raised community awareness of the FPC and demonstrated its expertise in addressing food related policy issues to the candidates.

Homegrown Minneapolis (MN) worked with food safety regulators from the Health Department to develop a permit for emergency food relief to take the place of a more onerous food shelf license after engaging in conversations with food security organizations and visiting with food pantries.

Grow Montana advocated for a Soil Health Subcommittee Bill, which did not pass but did result in the formation of the Montana Soil Health Coalition.

Nebraska Food Council partnered with a state Senator on an interim study and policy recommendations to increase farm to school activities in the state. The study resulted in the passage of Legislative Bill 396, introduced by the same State Senator, to create a farm to school program in the state Department of Education.

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