



# 2021 Food Policy Council Priorities

DC FOOD POLICY COUNCIL



# Priority One

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Decrease food insecurity and promote health equity among most at-risk populations highlighted in *DC's 2020 Food Access and Food Security Report*.\*

\*Available at <https://dcfoodpolicy.org/foodsecurity2020/>



## Strategies

- No Senior Hungry Initiative: Collaborate with DC agencies to develop specific policy recommendations to address DC's high food insecurity rate among seniors. - **Food Access & Equity WG**
- Promote and expand use of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP" or "EBT") online in collaboration with the DC Department of Human Services through outreach, technical assistance, and social media campaigns. - **Food Access & Equity WG**
- Help healthcare teams refer their patients to food resources and education in their communities. - **Nutrition & Health WG**
- Promote the connection between food and healthcare through communications, research, and public events. - **Nutrition & Health WG**

# Priority Two

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Increase investment/support for Black and Latinx-led food businesses and organizations and entrepreneurs of color.



## Strategies

- Advocate for a public-private Fund that invests in small food businesses, food cooperatives, and entrepreneurs in Ward 5, 7, and 8. - **Food Access & Equity WG**
- Support the development of affordable commercial kitchen spaces, particularly for Black and Latinx entrepreneurs and small business owners. - **Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs WG**
- Promote the continuation of DC emergency rules that have helped small food businesses survive and food workers stay employed and safe during COVID-19, such as expanded outdoor dining. - **Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs WG**
- Encourage businesses and institutions to purchase more food products from local producers using sustainable practices, with a focus on BIPOC producers. - **Sustainable Supply Chain WG**

# Priority Three

3

Expand healthy food access in areas where structural racism and disinvestment have led to low food access.

## Strategies

- Promote the Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Fund for DC farmers, with preference for farmers of color and those serving marginalized communities. - *Urban Agriculture WG*
- Research community land trusts as a vehicle to preserve and transfer land for urban agriculture. - *Urban Agriculture WG*
- Complete the centralized kitchen study and amplify its findings on how a centralized kitchen could create jobs and improve food in schools and other institutions. - *Sustainable Supply Chain WG*
- Complete the DC nutrition education landscape study in partnership with Howard University to identify strategies to enhance nutrition education for DC residents. - *Nutrition & Health WG*

