



DC Food Policy Council Meeting Notes April 6, 2022

FPC Member Attendance:

Government Ex Officio Members:

- DC Office of Planning: Ona Balkus; Tariq Sheriff; Ashley Stephens
- DSLBD: Caroline Howe, Kate Mereand
- OSSE: Liz Leach
- DOEE: Kate Lee
- DC Health: Sara Beckwith
- Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development (DMPED): Katie Littman
- DHS: Bridgette Acklin

Public Members:

- Winnie Huston: DC Greens
- Beverly Wheeler: DC Hunger Solutions
- James Huang: Unity Health Care
- Dalila Boclin: Hungry Harvest
- Kristy McCarron: YMCA of Metropolitan Washington
- Emi Reyes: Latino Economic Development Center
- Chris Bradshaw, Dreaming Out Loud

Working Group Updates

- **Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs**
 - Ditch the Disposables Grant PLUS Urban Ag PLUS a Donation and Reuse (can include food / ag products) all here -- <https://cbtrust.org/grants/> (see more details in Urban Ag Working Group update)
 - If you want more updates from the Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs Working Group, sign up here: <https://p.constantcontactpages.com/su/kJpWCLg/fpcefj>
 - Commercial Kitchen matchmaking events on April 13th at MLK Library
- **Nutrition and Health**
 - Collaborated with Food Access and Equity
 - Research by Howard student for nutrition education landscape assessment should be concluded by end of June
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 - School meals for all discussion and potential policy brief forthcoming
- **Sustainable Supply Chain**

- Met last month and asked for input on Glasgow Climate change brief
- **Food Access and Equity**
 - Collaborated with Nutrition and Health Working Group
- **Urban Agriculture**
 - Met in-person at Common Good City Farm
 - Urban Ag and infrastructure grant available until May 19th for up to \$10,000. Click here for more details: <https://cbtrust.org/grants/district-of-columbia-urban-agriculture/?fbclid=IwAR1nFgjl4pJSsMC2uSiqLfowaulFdUCuxAQ5vnGbh7Qq6XCEuOGS1NGV6Dc>
 - **3 grant opportunities:**
 - **Donation and Reuse:** [The Donation and Reuse Awards](#) will fund projects, programs, and services that reduce waste and increase the diversion of reusable material, including edible food, from landfills and incineration through donation or reuse.
 - **Ditch the Disposables:** [The Ditch the Disposables Awards](#) will fund dishes and dishwashing for onsite dining, reusable containers for take-out, reusable foodware services, and projects that reduce food waste (this last element is specifically for schools).
 - **Urban Agriculture:** [The Urban Agriculture Small Awards](#) will fund support the increased infrastructure and operations at urban farms to advance strategies to support the success of agriculture initiatives for socially disadvantaged farmers.
 - Rooting DC: Virtual event June 25th expo fair more details to come
 - Urban Farm Tax abatement document working on accessibility around language, now translated into Spanish and Amharic; outreach will be conducted
 - Urban Farm Land Lease survey - please share with your networks https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=8Unkj5SLt0-ZBm-Tnagtc6_BsTQbbghLvF3cieYd2pxUQzZBMkJPQTIFQzhFWExGQ1JWNzE2N1ZXQi4u
- **Nourish DC Approach and Impact Presentation: Alison Powers**
 - Nourish 1-million grant part of DMPED Local Equity and Access Fund (LEAF)
 - Focusing on food access in Wards 5, 7& 8 focused BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) food businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs.
 - Various use of funding but most reported usage of was for staff; marketing and equipment
 - 9 Grantees for \$400K in grant funding: <https://www.capitalimpact.org/programs/co-op-innovation-awards/>

○ **Mayors FY 23 Budget: Tariq Shariff**

• **Grant Programs**

Agency Program	Program/Division	FY 2022	FY 2023	Change Department
Department of Small and Local Business Development	Robust Retail Grant	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
	Aspire and DREAM Grants	\$475,000	\$775,000	\$300,000

Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development	Great Streets	\$7,943,000	\$7,127,000	\$816,000
	Nourish DC	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
	Food Access Fund	\$27,245,259	\$23,778,000	\$3,467,259
	Hospitality Sector Relief	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
	Bridge			

• **New Funding**

Agency	Program Division	FY 2023
Office of Planning	Food Policy Council Operations	\$25,000
Department of Energy and Environment	Green Food Purchasing Act	\$141,000
	Sustainable DC	\$150,000
Department of Parks and Recreation	Community Garden at Oxon Run Park	\$500,000
	Out-of-School-Time Recreation Activities	\$3,850,000
	Out-of-School-Time Grant Opportunities	\$5,775,000
	Summer Camps	\$ 13,500,000.00
Department of Aging and Community Living	Grocery Card Distribution Pilot	\$750,000
	End Senior Hunger/Combat Isolation	\$2,650,000

• **Recurring Funding**

Agency Program	Program/Division	FY 2022	FY 2023	Change Department
Department of Aging and Community Living	Community Dining Program	\$4,523,000	\$5,483,000	\$960,000
	Home Delivered Meals	\$6,646,000	\$8,154,000	\$1,508,000
	Commodity/Farmers Markets (Grocery Plus)	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$0
Department of Health Care Finance	Produce Rx	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0

• **Expiring ARPA Funds**

Program/Division	FY 2022	FY 2023	Change Department
Capital Area Food Bank Funding	\$1,000,000	\$0	(\$1,000,000)
Joyful Food Markets	\$1,825,000	\$1,500,000	\$325,000
Healthy Corner	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$250,000
Produce Plus	\$1,401,934	\$1,170,934	(\$231,000)
Home Delivered Meals (Medically Tailored)	\$825,000	\$800,000	\$25,000

WIC Electronic Benefits Pilot: Akua Odi Boateng

- DC Health is rolling out Electronic Benefit cards for residents enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

- Change will expand access to WIC benefits for pregnant people and young families with children 0-5 by making it easier to use WIC benefits at local grocery stores.
- The card design was selected to reflect DC images and healthy foods, and decrease stigma associated with using the cards.
- The cards will work like a debit card and can be spent during multiple trips throughout the month.
- For more information, visit: www.dcwic.org/ewic

Announcements

- Friday, May 6, 10-11am: Monthly Food Policy Office Hours (1st Friday of every month: Email dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov to sign up)
- Wednesday, June 1, 5-6pm: Next FPC Public Meeting
- To join a Working Group listserv, email the WG chairs or dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov
- Looking to coordinate a summer program for residents to use school gardens to grow? DPR and OSSE can help- Contact! Email Joshua.singer@dc.gov to find out more about this program
- Food Rescue US - DC is hiring a part time Site Coordinator! Job description here: <https://bit.ly/3NxMJMc>
- Please follow DC Greens www.dcgreens.org for updates on the ribbon cutting for The Well, urban farm and community wellness space. Projected opening first weekend in June. Address 300 Valley Ave., SE
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