Food Policy Council Needs Your Input On:

Resilient Food System Infrastructure Grants
Building DC's Food Value Chain

Funding from USDA
Funding Will:

- Distribute $1.4+ million in grants of $100,000 to nonprofits or businesses
- Require matching from local philanthropy and/or applicants
- Support a resilient food system

Competitive Application

- District review committee
- Recommendations to USDA for final decisions
- Required USDA template
RFSI Will Support

Aggregation & Coordination

Transportation & Distribution

Processing and preservation

“Middle of the Supply Chain”
Eligible Projects

- Expanding Distribution & Aggregation of Farm Products
- Construction of Hubs for Aggregation
- Increasing Kitchen Space for Food Processing & Value-Added Goods
- Food Distribution Infrastructure & Software, Including Last Mile Delivery
- Cold Storage (Refrigeration)
- Sustainability Equipment
- Increase Food Safety & Worker Conditions
Grant Priorities
Infrastructure, cold storage, processing, kitchen space, markets

Matching
Supporting organizations for 25% match of funds or in-kind contributions

Supply Chain Support
What helps are most needed from DC government

Larger v Smaller Grants
USDA will approve two types of grants, but we need to propose how we will split the $1.4 million in grant funds
Small Grants vs Larger Grants

$10,000 - $99,000 grants with a simplified application process for **equipment only** such as refrigerators, dehydrators, etc.

$100,000+ grants for projects and programs, including but not limited to equipment
District Support

**Training & TA**
Support with licensing & funding
Funds can go to increase technical assistance for food businesses, farms, and distributors

**Resource Coordination**
Facilitating matching for buyers <-> sellers of produce, kitchen space, and more

**Procurement**
Supporting District agencies and institutions to buy more locally-grown produce and locally-made products
Supply Chain Coordination

District support to grow a resilient food value chain

- Technical assistance navigators to help businesses find resources and navigate licensing
- Apprenticeships throughout the value chain
- Label design and printing
- Education (trainings, conferences, field visits) for members of the supply chain in DC
- Staffing and training to drive more DC government procurement
- Accessing District commercial kitchens
- Supporting nonprofits and schools to share commercial kitchens
- Financial management services
- Legal services
- Mixers & matchmaking sessions between producers and buyers
- Software tools to connect producers and buyers
Complete the Survey
May take 15 minutes