

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

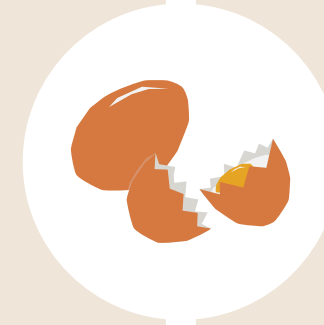


Your Input Needed:



Grant Priorities

Infrastructure, cold storage, processing, kitchen space, markets



Matching

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



Supply Chain Support

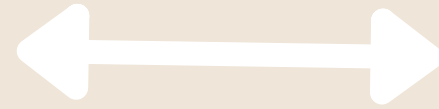
What helps are most needed from DC government



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

\$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

Small Grants vs Larger Grants



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

<https://bit.ly/RFSIDC>

May take 15 minutes

