

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: DOA – Community Development Grant Administration

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Category of Request

New Grant

Grant Continuation

Previous Council File No. _____

Change in Previously Approved Grant

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Project/Program Title: FY2025 Regional Food System Partnerships Program Grant

Grantor Agency: USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

Grant Application Date: _____

Anticipated Award Date: _____

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

The USDA Regional Food System Partnerships Program grant will develop a replicable model for regional food system transformation that will improve food access and strengthen economic opportunity in Milwaukee and across the state. The City will work with local partners and expand partnerships with Dane and Brown counties as a regional expansion of the FEED MKE initiative to increase local food system infrastructure & capacity, provide technical assistance to food enterprises in distressed communities, establish infrastructure for food recovery and composting, and pilot a free grocery store model for surplus food redistribution in Milwaukee.

2. Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

This grant supports and will work in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, Common Council, Milwaukee Health Department, and others to address access to fresh food in Milwaukee's distressed communities.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

The grant will fund salary & fringe benefits for a Project Manager @ 40%FTE over 3 years for a total of \$240,282. Federal funds are also needed for travel to attend required grant training at \$4,966; \$140,770 for supplies and equipment including cold storage units, inventory & POD system, food packaging, and free food fridges; \$362,482 for contracts/subawards including a Project Coordinator and food distribution/processing/transport; and \$210,900 for outreach, technical assistance, and waste analysis. A cost share of \$350,000 is required with \$300,000 from the Milwaukee Health Department for mini grants in Milwaukee and \$50,000 from Greater Milwaukee Foundation for food safety & compliance kits and food storage/raking systems at food distribution sites in Milwaukee, and Dane & Brown Counties.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

N/A

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:

3/1/2026 – 2/28/2029

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:

DOA - CDGA will contract for a Project Coordinator to perform primary project activities, coordinate local and regional project partners, develop and deliver outreach/education, coordinate technical assistance and training curriculum and materials, perform food waste analysis and develop cost-share mini grants program. Role will be selected based on RFP process and report to the Project Manager.

7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.