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2021 Food Council Microgrants:



We're inviting food councils engaged in the NC Network of Food Councils to apply to the 2021 Food Council Microgrant program. Approximately \$60,000 will be distributed through a Shared Gifting process. In this process, groups of four to five food councils will review and discuss each other's proposals and be active decision makers in distributing a pool of funds amongst each other. Learn more about Shared Gifting in this [short video](#).

Community Food Strategies team members and the 2021 Shared Gifting Advisor team will select 15-20 food council applicants to participate in four virtual Shared Gifting Circles in October 2021. We suggest proposal budgets range from \$1000 - \$4000. Final award amounts will be decided by participants in each Shared Gifting Circle. Each Shared Gifting participant council will receive:

- \$500 guaranteed to use at your discretion (recommendation to consider participant stipend)
- ~\$2500 to gift to other food councils within their Circle

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants are active [food councils](#), cross-sector groups of people working towards equitable food-related outcomes.
- At least one food council representative has participated in any of the [NC network of food councils'](#) peer-to-peer engagement opportunities within the last year including:
 - [Food Council Connection calls](#), including quarterly regional calls
 - [Collaborative Food Policy calls](#) or other topic-based network calls
 - Workshops, trainings, learning series
 - Regional or statewide food council gatherings

APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Familiarize yourself with [Shared Gifting](#).
2. Submit a completed application with *multiple* members of your food council
3. Name where the funds will go (fiscal agent, community organization, 501(c)3, etc)
4. Ensure the *same* two food council members (up to 3 for youth food councils) participate in both half-day virtual events. Select your availability in the application.
5. Attend or view the recording of the 2021 Shared Gifting Launch webinar on Sep 24 at 11:00am.
6. Bring your humility, wisdom, and support for others.
7. Complete a simple evaluation report of the project and how the funds were used.

DEADLINE: Monday, August 30, 2021

For an application to be considered, please submit a Word document or pdf of your final proposal answering all of the application questions to communityfoodstrategies@gmail.com by 11:59pm on Monday, August 30th.

QUESTIONS OR SUPPORT:

If you have any questions, review the [website](#) or:

- Attend Virtual Office Hours specific to 2021 Shared Gifting on Aug 10th at 10am or Aug 18 at 3pm.

- Contact Gini Knight at gini_knight@ncsu.edu.

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

1. Food Council:

2. Main Contact Information:

- Name:
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- What is your role on the food council?

3. Additional council members:

List the second council member (up to 3 for youth food councils) or alternate name and email that will be attending the two Shared Gifting virtual events. The same people per food council should attend both days.

4. Organization (fiscal agent, 501(c)3 organization, community organization etc.) that will receive funds:

We will need a W-9 and direct deposit paperwork for this entity.

- Entity name:
 - Contact name and email:
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PROJECT PROPOSAL:

We encourage thoughtful, concise responses. Answers for each question can be a sentence to a half page.

1. **Proposal Description:** Describe what your council wants to do with these funds and how you will do it. Include any collaborations with other food councils or groups that this funding will support. We welcome proposals for the expansion or sustainment of current work that you are already doing well or for new work opportunities and resources.
2. **Impact:** How will this project positively impact your food system? Focus on who will be impacted and how they are engaged, particularly in decision making.
3. **Equity Engagement:** How is your food council engaged with Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities, BIPOC leaders, and/or BIPOC farmers? Will these funds support BIPOC?
4. **Equity Alignment:** How does this project align with one or more of the [Taking Action for Racial Justice Principles](#)?
5. **Success:** Please list one (or more) measures you will use in the final evaluation report to capture the level of success for your proposed project. [See some examples](#) on the website.

6. **Capacity:** Does your food council have additional sources of funding? To what degree would you be able to implement this project if you did not receive funding?

7. **Budget:** Provide a simple budget and how the funds will be used. (\$1000 - \$4000 suggestion)
We expect funds to be distributed by Dec 15, 2021, and expect funds to be used by Nov 30, 2022. Expenses should contribute to the project described and can include but not limited to expenses such as food, supplies, general operating expenses, and staff time. You can use the [Budget template](#) if it is useful.

8. Is there anything else besides what you have shared in the Project Proposal below that you would like to share about your food council or your community's needs?

AGREEMENTS:

1. We will ensure that the same two food council members (up to three for youth) will attend BOTH Day 1 and Day 2 virtual events. The virtual events time and date will be based on the availability chart below.
 - Yes, we agree to fully participate.
 - No, we cannot commit to this responsibility at this time.

2. Food council representatives will attend or watch the Sep 24th 2021 Shared Gifting Launch webinar.
 - Agree
 - Cannot agree

3. We understand that our application will be shared with other accepted applicants.
 - Agree
 - Cannot agree

AVAILABILITY:

Participants in each Shared Gifting Circle will depend on your selected availability below, proposal topics, and best opportunities for collaboration. The two half-day events will last approximately 2 - 3.25 hours each.

Place an "X" for the dates and times your representatives can both/all be available, *not just your preferences*.

Circle	Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Circle 1	Thu, Sep 30			
	Tue, Oct 5			
Circle 2	Thu, Oct 7			
	Tue, Oct 12			
	Thu, Oct 14			

Circle 3	Tue, Oct 19			
Circle 4	Thu, Oct 21			
	Tue, Oct 26			

Thank you! We're looking forward to working with you. Selected applicants will be notified by Sep 15, 2021.