



Legislation Text

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The proposed resolution creates a new capital program, Healthy Community Food Systems, in the Economic Development Division's 2020 Adopted Capital Budget and transfers \$218,000 of available budget authority from the Healthy Retail Access capital program to this new program. The proposed resolution also authorizes the repurposing of \$50,000 in SEED Grants funding in the 2021 Adopted Operating budget to complement the Healthy Community Food Systems capital program. No additional City appropriation is required.

Amending the 2020 Adopted Capital Budget for the Economic Development Division to create a Healthy Community Food Systems capital program, authorizing the transfer of available budget authority from the Healthy Retail Access Program, and authorizing the repurposing of SEED Grant funds in the 2021 Adopted Operating Budget to complement the Healthy Community Food Systems capital program, all of which will support the (1) Community Food Access Competitive Grants Program, (2) Rapid Food Access and Food Entrepreneur Support Program, and (3) provide funding to the Madison Food Policy Council to begin a regional food systems planning process.

WHEREAS, \$218,000 in currently authorized appropriations is available from the Healthy Retail Access Program in EDD for fiscal years 2017 and 2020; and,

WHEREAS, \$50,000 in funding is currently included in the 2021 City of Madison Operating Budget for fiscal year 2021 SEED Grants; and,

WHEREAS, \$150,000 in funding is currently included in the 2021 City of Madison Capital Budget for fiscal year 2021 Healthy Retail Access Program funding and shall remain in the budget to support the explicit activities of the Healthy Retail Access Program, which is focused on increasing healthy food access via food retail business investment in food access improvement areas of focus; and,

WHEREAS, Per [RES-20-00293](#) pertaining to 2020 SEED Grants funding, and adopted by the Madison Common Council on April 21, 2020, precedent was established to make programmatic changes and budgetary shifts to support community efforts to mitigate the adverse effects that COVID-19 has had on community food security and access; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to have severe and adverse public health and economic ramifications in Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, the United States, and around the globe; and,

WHEREAS, Those economic ramifications are resulting in higher levels of food insecurity for Madison residents and in increased volatility, uncertainty, and diminished demand, revenue, and profit for hospitality sector services, especially food service; and,

WHEREAS, In light of the societal changes wrought by the emergence of COVID-19, establishing a process for and creating a regional food systems plan is a necessary step towards the creation, implementation, and achievement of strategic goals pertaining to community food systems issues; and,

WHEREAS, [Legislative File #62848](#), adopted at the November 2, 2020 meeting of the Madison Food Policy Council, directs MFPC staff to draft a resolution creating the 2021 "Healthy Community Food Systems Fund" using FY18/20 Healthy Retail Access Program funds and FY21 SEED Grant funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 2020 Adopted Capital Budget is amended to create a Healthy Community Food Systems capital program in the Economic Development Division and to transfer \$218,000 of

available budget authority from the Healthy Retail Access Program to the Healthy Community Food Systems capital program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison Common Council authorizes the repurposing of up to \$50,000 in 2021 SEED Grants funding in the 2021 Adopted Operating Budget to complement Healthy Community Food Systems capital program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison Common Council authorizes the creation of the 2021 Healthy Community Food Systems Fund, which will be used to refer to the Healthy Community Food Systems capital program and the repurposed 2021 SEED Grants funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the umbrella of the Healthy Community Food Systems Fund, the Madison Common Council authorizes \$150,000 for the creation of the Community Food Access Competitive Grants Program, which will provide grant funding to community-based organizations and businesses serving residents of City neighborhoods; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the umbrella of the Healthy Community Food Systems Fund, the Madison Common Council authorizes \$100,000 for the creation of the Rapid Food Access and Food Entrepreneur Support Program, which will provide expedited funding support for food service sector entrepreneurs struggling with the economic ramifications of COVID-19 who are using their businesses to serve food insecure families within the City of Madison; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the umbrella of the Healthy Community Food Systems Fund, the Madison Common Council authorizes \$18,000 in funding for the Madison Food Policy Council, in collaboration with the Dane County Food Council and staff, to create processes supporting the development of a regional food systems plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison Common Council authorizes the Madison Food Policy Council to create and manage the programmatic components of the Healthy Community Food Systems Fund and authorize funding contracts up to \$50,000; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute agreements with agencies, organizations, or companies (or their fiscal agents) for programmatic activities outlined by the Madison Food Policy Council.