



Dubuque County Local Food Policy Council

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**Local Food Policy Council
Accepting 2020 Community Grant Applications**

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Dubuque, IA – April 22, 2020 - The Dubuque County Food Policy Council is accepting 2020 Community Grant applications now through June 10. Applications are available on the county's website: <https://dubuquecounty.org/310/Food-Policy-Council> or by sending a message to the DCFPC's Facebook page. Last year, the council awarded \$20,000 to support local foods projects in Dubuque County.

Any group or individual located in Dubuque County is eligible to apply with a maximum request of \$5,000 per project. Proposals must address at least one of the core principles identified in the DCFPC mission statement: health, well-being, environmental resilience, justice and equity as related to food systems in Dubuque County. Projects must also include an education and/or engagement component. Additional requirements can be found on the application form. Completed applications may be sent to Michaela Freiburger michaela.freiburger@gmail.com no later than June 10, 2020.

Grant applicants will be contacted individually for the opportunity to address the DCFPC regarding their proposals. Presentations will be conducted either virtually (via Zoom) or in person, pending current pandemic recommendations in place at the time of the June 17, 2020 meeting, scheduled to be held beginning at 6pm. Applicants will be notified of the meeting details and presentation times. The council will begin awarding grants by July 31, 2020.

A total of eight applications were received by DCFPC last year and all projects received funding: Dubuque Urban Farm, Convivium Urban Farmstead, Dubuque County Agricultural Extension District, Urban Bicycle Food Mission, The Dream Center, Society of Saint Vincent DePaul, Dem Greenz, and Millwork Night Market.

Formed by the Dubuque County Supervisors in late 2018, the Dubuque County Food Policy Council's mission is to integrate health and well-being of the community by promoting a resilient environmental food system that is just and equitable for Dubuque County. The council strives to accomplish this through policy recommendations, educational outreach and partnerships. You can learn more about the council by visiting <https://dubuquecounty.org/310/Food-Policy-Council> or follow them on Facebook. Members of the Dubuque County Food Policy Council include: Michaela Freiburger-Chair; Gwen Hall-Driscoll-Vice Chair; Rich Henderson; Cindy Hilken; Kathy Hutton; Sunil Malapati; Whitney Sanger; Paul Schultz and ex officio members: Patrice Lambert and Saralyn Smith-Collingwood.

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