

COOK COUNTY GOOD FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM 2019 UPDATE

Cook County departments and agencies spend more than \$20 million on food every year. What would it look like if these purchases were invested in an equitable food system that built local community health and wealth? Cook County is leading this bold vision by implementing the Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP).

ABOUT GFPP

Cook County became the third local government in the U.S. to approve a resolution promoting the Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) in May 2018. GFPP provides a metric-based framework for food procurement that advances a healthy, sustainable, and equitable food system through five core value categories defined below. Cook County's resolution emphasizes purchasing food from business owners of color or from low to moderate-income communities to build economic sustainability for all. Over time, food service vendors that supply food to Cook County government sites will work to meet higher Good Food Standards in each value category.

GFPP PARTICIPATION

County departments and agencies will:

- Submit food purchasing data for analysis by the Center for Good Food Purchasing (CGFP) on an annual basis;
- Insert GFPP language into new vendor solicitations and contracts;
- Follow action plans to achieve higher points in the Good Food Standards set for each value category, which are based on certifications and best practices;
- Work toward a star rating, which requires at least one point in each value category;
- Track cumulative progress and celebrate success.

GFPP CORE VALUES

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES

Support diverse, small to mid-sized food producers in the region.

FAIR TREATMENT OF WORKERS

Source from suppliers that provide safe working conditions and fair compensation for all food chain workers and producers.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Reduce carbon footprint and source from producers that use sustainable methods.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Work with producers who provide healthy & humane conditions for farm animals.

NUTRITION

Promote health & well-being through meals provided in public settings.

GFPP IN PROGRESS: 2019

COOK COUNTY GOOD FOOD TASK FORCE

Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) kicked off the Task Force in May 2019. The Task Force includes County department and agency leaders and key food system stakeholders. Members meet quarterly to discuss challenges, share solutions, celebrate successes and identify collective opportunities to advance GFPP implementation.

BASELINE DATA ASSESSMENTS

Cook County Health (CCH), Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) and the Sheriff's Office (CCSO) have started to conduct baseline assessments to understand current food purchasing practices. Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC) will then work with CGFP to assess baseline data. Following this assessment, CFPAC and CCDPH will support them to develop an action plan and take action to move towards a star rating.

GOOD FOOD PURCHASING AWARD LEVELS

STAR RATING	POINTS
★	5-9
★★	10-14
★★★	15-19
★★★★	20-24
★★★★★	25+

NEW CONTRACTUAL LANGUAGE

CCH, CCSO, JTDC, as well as the Cook County Bureau of Asset Management, are exploring opportunities to incorporate GFPP standards into their respective solicitation bids, Request for Proposals (RFPs), new food service management contracts, and leases.

WHAT'S NEXT

CCH, CCSO and JTDC will continue to collect baseline purchasing data. CCDPH and CFPAC also expect to begin working these departments and agencies in early 2020 after baselines are completed to create action plans and tackle plan recommendations. Opportunities to incorporate GFPP language into vendor solicitations, RFPs and contracts will further be identified and acted on with support from CCDPH and CFPAC.

In addition, CFPAC is conducting outreach to local producers to educate them on how to meet the GFPP Standards and navigate pathways for selling to the County. CCDPH and CFPAC plan to evaluate GFPP impact on the local food system in collaboration with the Chicago Dept of Public Health and an interdisciplinary team of academic researchers from the Midwest Consortium on Equity, Research and Food.

COOK COUNTY GOOD FOOD TASK FORCE MEMBERS

COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- Office of Cook County Commissioner
Alma E. Anaya
- Cook County President's Office
- Cook County Bureau of Asset Mgmt
- Cook County Dept of Environment and Sustainability
- Cook County Dept of Planning and Development
- Cook County Health
- Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center
- Cook County Land Bank Authority
- Cook County Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
- Cook County Sheriff's Office
- Forest Preserves of Cook County

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Alliance for Health Equity
- Brookfield Zoo
- Chicago Botanic Gardens
- Food Chain Workers Alliance
- IFF
- Illinois Stewardship Alliance
- Openlands
- Opportunity Knocks
- Proviso Partners for Health
- South Metropolitan Higher Ed Consortium
- South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- Urban Growers Collective
- USDA
- West 40 Intermediate Service Center



KEY PARTNERS

Cook County's GFPP implementation is led by the Cook County Department of Public Health in partnership with the Chicago Food Policy Action Council.

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