



# 2022 Accomplishments

## Baltimore City Food Policy and Planning

### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING

Awarded \$11.07 million of ARPA funding for our proposal, “Improving Nutritional Security, Food Access, and Food Equity in Baltimore City During and After COVID-19”

- **Produce Box Distribution Program**
  - Resumed in June 2022 through an Emergency Procurement Contract with The Common Market
  - Since June 2022, FFP has distributed 1,194,000 pounds of fresh produce and 8,358,000 servings of fruits and vegetables
- **Farm Incubator**
  - Secured a 15-year Lease on 7 acres of City-owned parkland for the Farm Alliance of Baltimore’s Black Butterfly Urban Farmer Academy, which has already trained 18 new BIPOC farmers
- **Online SNAP**
  - Developed program name “B’more Fresh” with community input from youth and Housing Authority of Baltimore City resident
  - Created education materials in partnership with SNAPEd
- **Food as Medicine**
  - MedStar Harbor Hospital launched the Food Rx pilot program in October 2022



### AWARDS

- Special Mention **Milan Pact Award** for our COVID-19 Emergency Food Response at the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October
- Honorable Mention from Mayor Scott as the **City’s team of the year** for Fiscal Year 2022

### PROMOTIONS AND NEW STAFF

- Taylor LaFave promoted from Food Systems Planner to Chief of Food Policy and Planning/Food Policy Director
- Najahla Olumiji successfully completed her Baltimore Corps fellowship and was promoted to Food Systems Planner
- Jessica Fink and Nzingha Campbell hired as Baltimore Corps Food Policy Fellows
- Gabby Headrick MSPH, RDN, LDN (Doctoral Candidate at JHSPH) hired as ARPA funded online SNAP consultant
- Hosted Elayna Shapiro JHSPH as a Dietetic Intern

### COVID-19 EMERGENCY FOOD RESPONSE

Through May 2022, led the City’s COVID-19 Emergency Food Response, which resulted in over 1.7 million food boxes, of which over 1.4 million were produce boxes, distributed at 100+ community sites across Baltimore, approximately \$37 million reimbursed by FEMA, approximately 180 million servings of fresh fruit and vegetables distributed to residents in Healthy Food Priority Areas, and over \$13 million invested in regional farmers.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Published a Food Access/ Security policy brief
- A community engagement session was held at Shake & Bake in Western planning district, and was attended by at least 30 community members and stakeholders
- Community members are highly engaged in Food access/ security and categorize food access as a high priority topic
- Plantation Park Heights hosted the launch of the community engagement process
- Community produce box sites have been key partners throughout the community engagement process

### FY22 HEALTHY FOOD PRIORITY AREA FUNDS

- Funding for Black Yield Institute will be used for infrastructure at their new location in Mt. Clare. The site will be used for growing mushrooms and medicinal herbs as well as community space and food and growing education.
- Funding for Plantation Park Heights has been used to support their ongoing Agrihood Baltimore program, which includes produce boxes and two farmers markets. Funding was used to purchase cold storage for produce boxes and to expand onsite infrastructure.

### FOOD POLICY ACTION COALITION

- Four Food PAC Meetings held in 2022
- Average of 60 attendees per meeting
- Plan to host hybrid style meetings in 2023
- 12 unique breakout sessions