

**POLICY ACTION FOR NUTRITION EQUITY WORKING GROUP**

**AC Co-Chair:** Shawn Brown

**NP Staff Coordinator for Logistical Support:** Megan Paskey

**Long Term Goal:** Ignite policy action to establish 10 nutrition equity zones in Cuyahoga County by 2030.

**Short-Term Goal:** Establish 2 Nutrition Equity Zones on the east and west sides of Cuyahoga County as demonstration sites by March 2025.

**Objectives**

- Identify 2 (total) potential demonstration sites on the East and West side of Cuyahoga County
- Create a 5-year action plan describing resources needed to achieve nutrition equity impacts with potential sites.
- Gain support from decision-makers (i.e., organizational leadership, policy makers, business owners, et al.) to secure resources needed to establish the demonstration sites.

Nutrition Equity Zones = spaces dedicated to increasing community ownership of local food systems, from how foods are grown (i.e., urban agriculture) to where healthy foods are available (i.e., integration of BIPOC grown/made foods in restaurants or food pantries) to the skills needed to prepare culturally relevant foods (i.e., nutrition education), with the end goal of increasing freedom, hope, and dignity in food traditions resulting in holistic health for Black, Latino/a/x, Asian, and Indigenous communities.

**NUTRITION EQUITY FUND WORKING GROUP**

**AC Co-Chair:** Dawn Glasco

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**Long Term Goal:** Sustain the nutrition equity fund through 2030 in order to invest in community ownership of local food systems resulting in a vibrant and nutritious food system that is fair and deeply anchored to local community institutions.

**Short-Term Goal:** Demonstrate the impact of the existing nutrition equity fund proof of concept and secure ongoing resources and infrastructure to adapt and sustain the fund beyond March 2025.

**Objectives**

- Amplify lessons learned and stories of impact related to the policy action for the fund justice grant, the nutrition equity innovation prize, and any other awards that emerge from the fund.
  - Select awardees for new RFPs of the existing Nutrition Equity Fund and serve as a Technical Advisor to grantees of the fund.
  - Identify strategies to sustain the fund beyond its initial 3-year proof of concept phase.
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