

MINUTES
LINN COUNTY FOOD SYSTEMS COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

The Linn County Food Systems Council meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm in conference room 234A/B at the Harris Linn County Public Health Building, 1020 6th St SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

PRESENT: Laura Seyfer, Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance
August Stolba, Prairiewood Franciscan Spirituality Center
Yaholi Machado, NewBo City Market-via Zoom
Emmaly Renshaw, Feed Iowa First
Jacqueline Montoya, LCPH
Laura Krouse, Abbe Hills Farm
Stephanie Schrader, City of Cedar Rapids Community Services Coordinator
Kim Guardado, HACAP
Hailee Sandberg, ISU Extension
Emily Qual- Restaurant Manager

ABSENT: Amy Hockett, LCPH
Melissa Wahl, Horizons

OTHERS

PRESENT: Andrew Messerschmidt, CRBT
Tamara Marcus

STAFF: Mike Tertinger, Senior Planner
Amy Speed, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Sandberg , seconded by Schrader to approve the January 26, 2023, LCFSC minutes.
All members present voting yes.

Budget:

No change to budget. Need to spend money before July 1- funding could possibly be used for a down payment to reserve space for symposium with Sydney.

Authorize additional FARE Grant Reviewer (Discuss & Decide):

Renshaw reached out through community partners to find Messerschmidt. Removed bias this way. Voting was done by email.

Motion by Montoya, seconded by Stolba. Addendum document in January minutes shows votes.

Fare Grant Coordinator Invoice (Discuss & Decide):

Looked over worksheet submission. Motion by Montoya, seconded by Sandberg to pay invoice. All members present voting yes.

FY23 FARE Grant Funding Recommendations (Discuss & Decide):

Discussion on how to see the grants. They are divided on the wall between profit and non-profit. Will be sorting into consensus and then voted on for funding.

Talked about funding \$100,000-125,000 to distribute this round.

Discussion on partial funding and if they can apply again. If they reapply, their project has to be complete.

Sandberg discussed the range of funding. Up to \$140,000 to disburse today. Motion by Guardado, seconded by Montoya. All members present voting yes.

Discussion for next round- increase the metrics- ask questions for the impact on Linn County and more budget specific. Do we fund any wages or salary?

Members voted on funding the following organizations/amounts.

Black Earth Gardens - \$15,000

Echollective Farm- \$10,000

Over the Moon Farm & Flowers - \$20,000

Growing Food for the African Community - \$15,000

Grow Pamoja- \$7,000

Darius Nupola/Nupola's Emerging Farm- \$15,000

Buffalo Ridge Orchard-\$25,000

Community Kitchen Improvement (SE Linn Community Center) -\$7,000

Senior Grocery Delivery (Olivet)- \$15,000

Children of Promise- \$1,300

Marion Cares- \$1,000

Cathy Bayne- \$1,000

Total funding of \$132,300.

Motion by Krouse, seconded by Guardado to fund the applications as discussed. All members present voting yes.

Open Discussion:

None held.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Speed, Recording Secretary

Approved,



August Stolba, Chair