



## 2020 PIE Food Grant Awardees

### **Small Grants \$1,999 or Less – 7 – Total of All Award in Category - \$9,640**

#### **1. Access Community - Fresh Produce for Group Medical Visit Patients -- \$1,500**

Over 60% of Access' patients are insured through BadgerCare and close to 20% are uninsured. During the fall of 2019, Access launched a new Group Medical Visit (GMV) program. GMVs allow Access patients with shared experiences, health issues, or chronic illness to have extended time with providers and engage in educational activities. Access' goal is to be able to provide take-home produce packages to all of the groups. Averaging 6-12 participants per group with groups running between 4-6 weeks, Access wants to help provide over 100 people with a produce package at each group the person attends. Patients will be engaged in their produce selection as they are able to pick and choose from an array of fresh produce to fill their produce package.

#### **2. Middleton Community Church UCC - Summer Food Bag Program -- \$2,000**

The Summer Food Bag Program will increase access to nutritious food for youth in our community by providing 400 food bags for students throughout the summer of 2020. This program will be a continuation and expansion of the existing Weekend Food Bag Program that serves students in the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD).

#### **3. Edgerton Food Pantry Garden - Edgerton Community Outreach (EOC) -- \$1,200**

ECO's goal is to increase Food Pantry guest participation in growing and harvesting of food that will benefit their families. EOC serves low to moderate income individuals in the Edgerton School District. A secondary goal is to increase the use to more than half the garden plot to increase the amount and selection of fresh produce grown and to provide Food Pantry guests with a larger variety of nutritious produce. ECO staff, volunteers, and pantry guests will participate in the growing and harvesting of the produce.

#### **4. Neighborhood Planning Project - Pilgrim Park Community Orchard -- \$500**

The Neighborhood Planning Project (NPP) empowers residents of Dane County to grow their own fruit. In pursuit of this goal, the organization distributes free perennial fruit and nut crops to individuals and groups. This project is designed to be a resource to anybody who would like to be involved. In addition, the NPP is teaching a farm-to-table youth education course with the Wisconsin Youth Company, a community center in the MadWest neighborhood.

#### **5. Slow Food UW - Good Feed Outreach and App Development -- \$2,000**

'Good Feed' is a nonprofit organization named and modeled after the idea of doing a "good deed." Slow Food seeks to connect the wasted food from restaurants and/or other food resources with

people experiencing food insecurity. This would be facilitated by an app interface that allows restaurants to update 'Good Feed' when they have food to donate with the press of a button. Much like a delivery driver would, 'Good Feed' would then drive to the store's location to recover the food. After obtaining the food, Slow Food would redistribute it to partnership sites in areas experiencing high food insecurity. This project seeks to serve individuals who self-identify as being food insecure, specifically in areas that lack adequate food resources. Not only is this project serving them, but it also presents an incentive to restaurants in the area by providing them with a charitable donation tax deduction, limiting their food waste, and allowing them to do a "good feed." The goals and outcomes of 'Good Feed' are simple: to limit food waste and to decrease the amount of people experiencing food insecurity and bridge the gap between food resources and those that need them most.

**6. *The Grow Program - Grow Program Improved Presentation, Communication and Collaboration -- \$1,996***

The Grow Program serves a wide variety of community members from African American, Latinx, Hispanic, and White backgrounds. The Grow Program aims to improve characteristics of presentation, communication, and collaboration that will subsequently make the program more effective and sustainable for the community members who use its services. All in all, this contributes to a positive experience for community participants and empowers them in enhancing their own health.

**7. *WI Heights Community Garden - Enhancement of Communal Fruit for WI Heights Community Garden -- \$444***

The WI Heights Community Garden serves 20-25 families (families that are retired, living on disability, single income and single parents) of Western Dane County with plots to grow their own food. Funds will be used to replace fruit trees lost during the polar vortex of 2019. The Garden is within a "food desert," as the closest full service grocery store is 15 miles away. The project would serve garden members with access to communal fruit.

- The sum total requested for all applicants in this category was \$14,636
- Total number of applications received = 10

**Large Grants 2 K and greater– 4 – Total of All Awards in Category \$15,360**

**1. *Middleton Outreach Ministries, Inc - Increasing Access to MOM's Food Pantry through Education and Outreach -- \$3,840***

Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) serves Middleton, Cross Plains and parts of West Madison with a variety of services including housing stabilization and food security programs. MOM is launching a new program designed to reach more individuals and families, especially families of color. MOM's newly hired Community Outreach and Advocacy Case manager will work on-site at various community locations. The Lussier Community Education Center and the Middleton Cross Plains School District are the partner organizations. This outreach effort will enable MOM to provide food access to more families in need, eliminating existing barriers and helping to create a community where everyone has the stability to thrive.

**2. *Rooted WI Inc. - Developing Community Growing Space with Displaced Hmong Growers -- \$3,840***

Rooted WI Inc. will facilitate the placement of vegetable growers at Anderson Park Farm. 20 quarter-acre plots will be tilled and allocated for the 2020 growing season. Rooted will partner with Anderson Park Friends, a non-profit organization. The project will primarily serve displaced Hmong growers along with food pantry gardeners, Oregon resident growers, and other Dane County residents interested in access to land. This project will provide land access to Hmong growers, and through the development of an advisory council with culturally competent support, Hmong growers will be fully included in the evolution of the project. The structure of the advisory board will consider the unique needs of diverse groups working to understand each other through language and cultural translation.

**3. *Vera Court Neighborhood Center Inc. - Nutritious Food for All -- \$3,840***

Vera Court Neighborhood Center, Inc. is a nonprofit with two community centers: Vera Court on the Northside and Bridge Lake Point Waunona Community Center (BLW Center) on the Southside. This grant, Nutritious Food for All, will provide children, their families, and others in the community both with the actual food they require to thrive and the resources and education to make lasting changes in their lives. The project includes programs such as:

- Year-Round Healthy Meals for Kids - BLW's half day bilingual early childhood program.
- BLW's Children and Teen programs run 38 weeks after-school and in the evening, and 8 weeks all day during the summer
- Nutrition Classes for Adults - These workshops are led by UW-Madison Extension in English and Spanish.
- Community Meals - Once a week, BLW hosts a free, homemade lunch. Many meal recipients volunteer to help cook, allowing them to learn how to prepare nutritious foods through the process.

**4. *YMCA of Dane County Inc. - Sun Prairie YMCA Mobil Meal Program -- \$3,840***

The YMCA of Dane County, Inc. is piloting a mobile meal program during the summer of 2020. This meal program will provide meals to children and teens in three targeted communities in Sun Prairie Wisconsin; Rolling Prairie Apartments, The Element Apartments, and the Vandenburg Heights neighborhood. These areas have been chosen because they meet the eligibility requirements for the Summer Food Service Program (A USDA regulated program). The YMCA of Dane County Inc. will go into each community daily and provide a meal with quality meal components. Additionally, the YMCA will also offer enrichment activities for the kids. This will allow YMCA to build relationships with the children and their caregivers in those communities, with the potential of furthering connections to other necessary services.

- The sum total requested for all applicants in this category was \$51,574
- Total number of applications received = 16

**Overall Summary**

- Total number of grants awarded with the 2020 Food PIE Funds = 11
- Total amount of funds for 2020 Food PIE = \$25,000