## Food System Capacity Building Grant 2024 Grant Narrative

* 1. Introduce the organization, council, or network to the reviewers, Include at least the following information:
     1. Describe the population that you serve overall and who will specifically benefit from this project.
     2. Please explain how your project will serve marginalized and/or low-income communities if applicable.
     3. Describe any past and current food system initiatives, if applicable, and why the applicant is ready and able to begin or further programming.
  2. Explain in detail the project proposal and how it will contribute to the creation/furthering of a local food system network and/or increasing food access in Connecticut. Please include details of what the project will accomplish and how it will be accomplished.
  3. Identify at least one outcome you strive to achieve as a result of completing this project. Identify the activities necessary to meet the outcome(s) and how you will evaluate if the project outcome(s) were met?

Resources:

Please click [Here](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/specialty_crop_competitiveness_grants/pdfs/developing_measure_outcomes.pdf) for a good resource developed by the [CDFA](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/) on project outcomes. Please note these are not specific to this grant program.

*Outcomes:* This is the intended impact of the project that can be evaluated. An outcome is measurable and observable, it can be quantitative or qualitative but must be impactful and specific.

Ex. X number of community members will have monthly planned meetings on developing a local food policy plan.

*Activities:* Actions or measurable steps taken to reach an outcome

Ex. Outreach and marketing will be conducted to increase community awareness and attendance.

* 1. Have you received and/or sought other funding sources to support this project? If so, please list.
  2. Explain who your project/program reaches and the potential impacts to individuals and communities (direct or intended). Include how your projects/programs will serve neighborhoods identified as focus areas and those that impact under- served/underrepresented communities in Connecticut.
  3. Describe what areas of Connecticut your project will serve, how your project is serving the area. (i.e., Project/ program is working within a specific community center, etc.), how members of these communities have been engaged with the proposed project., and how you plan on engaging them.
  4. Describe the team involved in completing this project and how you will work with any partners. Please also describe the community support that you have for this project from stakeholders relevant to the project and how they will be involved throughout its lifetime.
  5. How will this project contribute to building long-term resilience, equity, and sustainability in the local food system? What steps will you take to ensure that the program continues beyond the timeline of this grant?

***Please remember to complete and attach the project budget/budget narrative/project timeline document found under documents/forms on the Food System Capacity Building Grant Page.***