

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 6, 2023

TO Honorable Members of the City Council Economic Development Committee: Tennell Atkins, (Chair), Carolyn King Arnold, (Vice Chair), Adam McGough, Omar Narvaez, Jaime Resendez, Chad West, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **Applications Open for Funding Under Dallas Development Fund's Healthy Food Dallas Initiative**

The Dallas Development Fund (DDF) will open the funding opportunity for the Healthy Food Dallas Initiative for qualified non-profits to seek funding to increase the number of non-traditional food access points in low-income, underserved communities across Dallas on January 9, 2023. DDF was created by City Council on February 11, 2009, as a Texas non-profit entity to apply for, award, and manage federal New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) allocations.

In this Healthy Food funding round, DDF has allocated a total of \$250,000 to be awarded to non-profit recipients for gap-funding assistance to provide low and moderate-income populations with access to healthy food by funding one-time expenses to expand healthy food access. No award will exceed \$70,000. Under the program, DDF will provide forgivable loans for redevelopment, improvements, construction and rehabilitation, equipment installation and upgrades (including technology), staff training, security, and inventory. Administrative expenses are limited to 20% of total award amount. Eligible project areas are defined by the map on the next page.

This will be the third application cycle funded by DDF for Healthy Food projects in Dallas. DDF has previously committed over \$600,000 to nine area non-profits. Funds have been used for a variety of purchases, including cleaning stations, delivery trucks, coolers and equipment and supplies for urban farms. To date, that funding has led to the sale of 30,000 pounds of produce (including sales purchased by vouchers), provided over 2 million pounds of produce and healthy food in Dallas and provided 2.5 million meals.

The application is available [here](#) and applications are welcome from any qualified non-profit. Applications are due to the Office of Economic Development on February 20, 2023.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Robin Bentley, Director, Office of Economic Development, at (214) 671-9942 or [Robin.Bentley@dallas.gov](mailto:Robin.Bentley@dallas.gov).

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### Map of eligible project areas

