



**DALLAS AND DALLAS COUNTY**  
**FOOD PLAN**



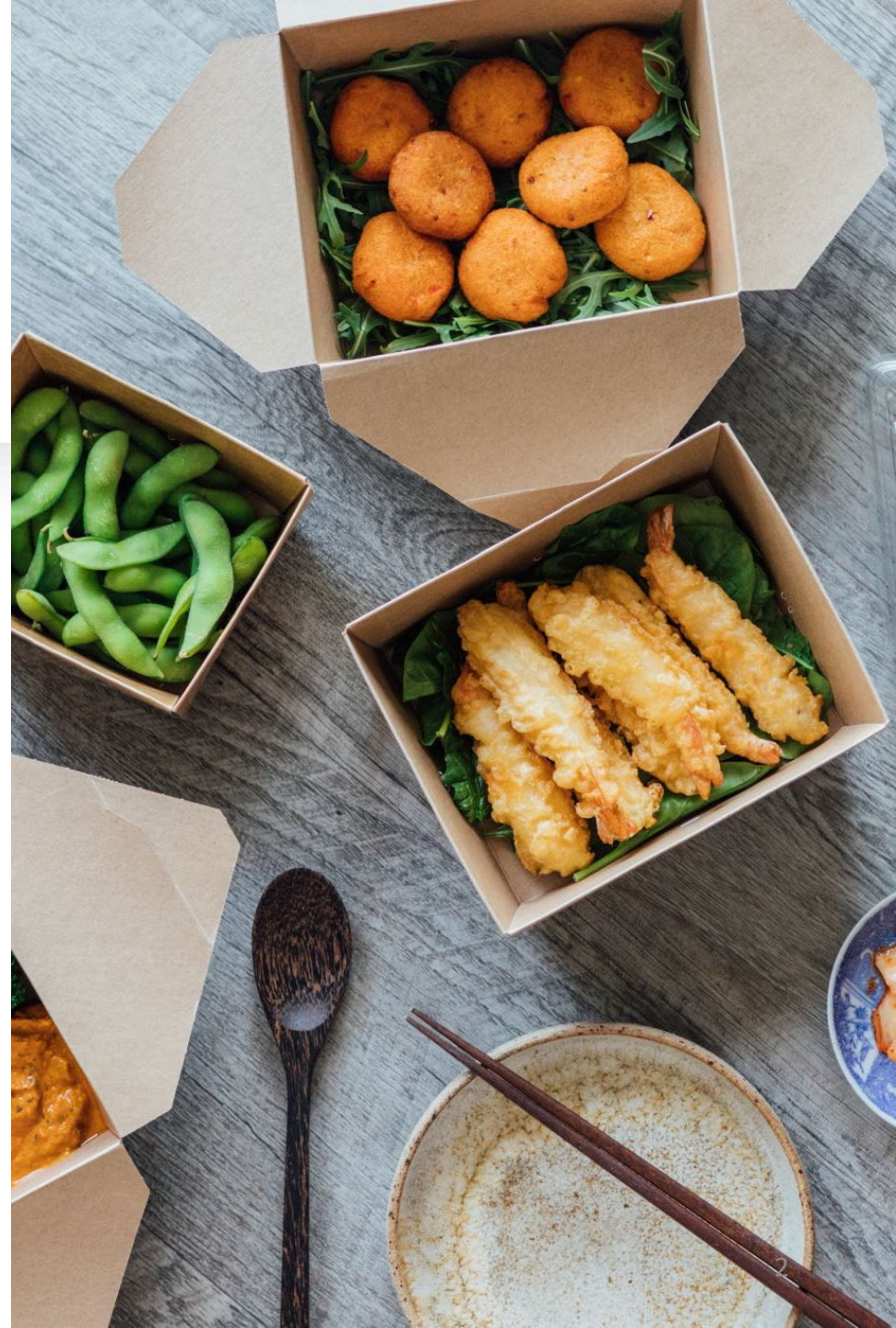
# Dallas-Dallas County Food Plan

## What it is:

A **city-county food plan** is a shared roadmap that local government and community partners use to make sure everyone can get affordable, healthy food—no matter their neighborhood.

## Why it matters:

It turns scattered efforts into a coordinated plan, helps win funding, and holds everyone accountable for results people can feel—like closer grocery options, quicker benefits, and healthier, affordable choices nearby.



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## What it does:

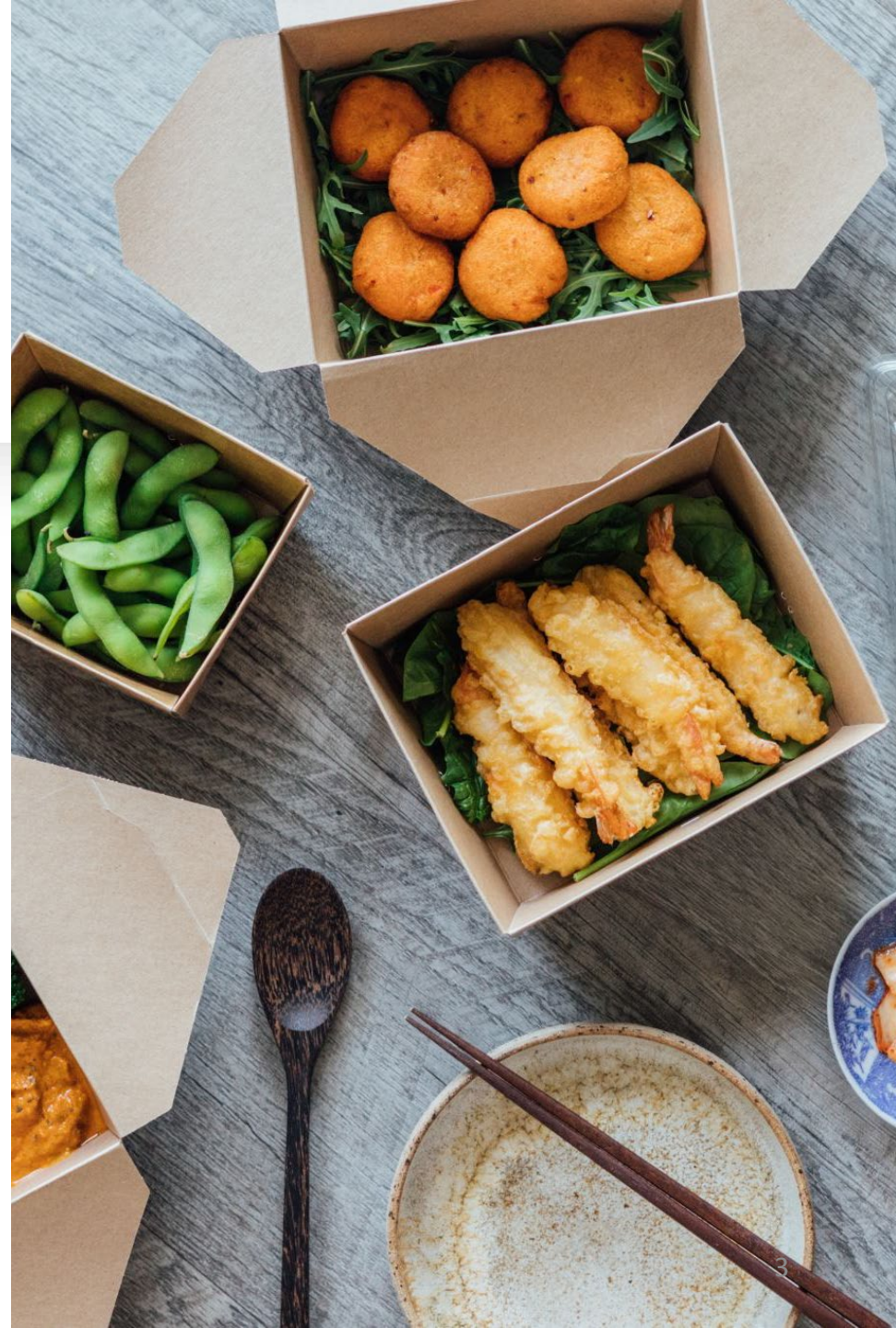
**Maps needs and assets:** where food is hard to get, what programs already exist.

**Sets priorities:** a short list of things to fix first (e.g., more fresh-food outlets, simpler benefits, better transportation).

**Assigns roles:** who does what—city, county, schools, nonprofits, health systems, businesses.

**Budgets & timelines:** what it costs, who funds it, and when it happens.

**Measures progress:** simple indicators (e.g., distance to fresh food, SNAP/WIC uptake) reported to the public.



# Steering Committee



- Dallas County
- City of Dallas
- North Texas Food Bank
- United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
- SMU
- UNT Dallas
- Paul Quinn College
- Dallas College
- DFW Hospital Council
- UT Southwestern & Parkland
- Texas Health Resources
- DFW Restaurant Association
- Albertsons
- HEB
- Grocery Connect
- Restorative Farms
- GROW North Texas
- CPAL
- Sharing Life
- Faith Commons
- Crossroads Community Services
- FEED Oak Cliff
- Empowering the Masses

## Examples of Cities with Food Plans



- New York City, NY
- San Francisco, CA
- Los Angeles, CA
- Chicago, IL
- San Diego, CA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Pittsburgh, PA
- Boston, MA
- Austin, TX
- Philadelphia, PA
- Minneapolis, MN
- Seattle, WA
- Portland, OR
- Baltimore, MD

# Impact of U.S. Food Plans



Reduction in  
Food Insecurity  
Rates



Increased  
Healthy Food  
Access



Community  
Engagement and  
Empowerment



Economic and  
Social Benefits



Opportunities to  
Leverage Data,  
Evidence- Based  
Programs and  
Partnership  
Opportunities

# Proof of Concept from Other City/ County

Several U.S. cities and counties have taken leadership roles in food plans with measurable impact:

- **Cook County, IL (Chicago Region Food Plan)**
  - County-led plan integrated food access strategies with public health goals.
  - Outcomes: Increased healthy food retail in underserved neighborhoods and expanded procurement policies for local farmers.
- **Multnomah County, OR (Portland/Metro Regional Food Plan)**
  - County officials tied food systems planning to climate and health policy.
  - Outcomes: Stronger partnerships between county health departments and local producers, with measurable reductions in food insecurity rates.
- **Marion County, IN (Indianapolis Food Policy)**
  - County government was central in convening a food policy council.
  - Outcomes: Coordinated food recovery initiatives, reducing waste and diverting surplus food to pantries.

These examples show that when **counties and cities both act as convener and anchor**, food plans move from pilot projects to systemic change.

# Progress to Date

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June 2025-now:

- \$200K funding secured – CFT, Meadows and Lyda Hill (to date)
- SMU MADI lead design of State of the Food System that includes landscape analysis of research studies (since 2021) and current efforts/plans
- Steering Committee formed and met
- Launched final phase including working groups, community engagement and finishing the plan by Fall 2026

# Pillars for a Plan



Food is Medicine-Sustainable Diets & Nutrition



Local Food Production and Economy



Emergency Food Preparedness

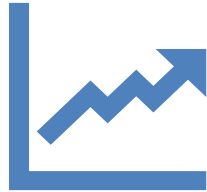


Waste Management



Food Access & Distribution

# Plan Conceptual Structure



## **Overall Vision and Macro Outcomes**



## **Pillar Action Plans**

Impact Statement

Activity Outline

Engagement

Communication

Funding

Key Stakeholders

Specific Metrics and Timeline for  
Deliverables

Advocacy



Questions

