

EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEM

FY25 Mid-Point Report | May 2025



PRODUCTION



FY25 SUB-AWARDEES

- **Future Harvest** is training **20 students supporting 16 local farms** in their Beginner Farming Training Program (BFTP)
- **Rodale Institute** is providing **Organics Consulting Services to 4 Mid-Atlantic farmers** growing produce for D.C. Wards 7 and 8



INFRASTRUCTURE & EQUIPMENT GRANTS

Nearly **\$55,000 in agricultural infrastructure and equipment** has been awarded to 12 farmers in the Mid-Atlantic Region as a result of their demonstrated a commitment to serving D.C. Wards 7 and 8 with fresh produce.

DISTRIBUTION



FY25 SUB-AWARDEES

- **D.C. Central Kitchen** is predicted to **increase local produce procured and distributed** by 8%
- **FRESHFARM** is expanding community partner presence in D.C. Wards 7 and 8 with their **transition to Local Food Marketplace**, a new online platform.



METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH

The Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church serves approximately 100 families through monthly distributions. AU purchased more than **3,400 pounds of fresh produce** for their Society Food Bank in March and April 2025.

CONSUMPTION



FY25 SUB-AWARDEE

Leadership Council for Healthy Communities hosted the first of two 8-week nutrition education series in a large residential complex in Ward 7. Upon completion, **the percentage of participants who consumed fruits and vegetables at least twice daily rose from 63% to 79%**. Participants received produce to take home or a meal at each of the sessions.

COALITION ALIGNMENT & COHESION



FOOD FOR ALL D.C.

Food for All D.C. (FFA) delivers groceries to home-bound individuals, older adults, and single parents of young children. AU funded a **Graduate Assistant** to research best practices for 'Food as Medicine,' and support a system for monitoring and evaluating FFA's work and impact.



NUTRITION EDUCATION FORUM

A Nutrition Education Forum was held on March 25th. It highlighted **10 strong partners and programs in D.C.**, as well as opportunities to ensure nutrition education follows best practices while staying responsive and relevant to the communities we serve.



ADVISORY BOARDS

Three meetings and nine 1-to-1 calls were held with the **Board of Advisors** and **Community Advisory Board**. The advisors provided detailed feedback on metrics identified at the Resilient Food System Summit (Oct. 2024) and ideas for strategic collaboration across the core pillars of Production, Distribution, and Consumption.