



Let's Go Better: Food Access

Sept 13, 2021



City of Boston
Food Access

Food Access Plan to Recover - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 2021-2024

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is an economic stimulus bill signed by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021 to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession.

Our goal for today: Co-create a list of 12 food actionable funding recommendations to be presented to the Mayor's Office and the Equitable Recovery Taskforce.

Our Road map: Mayor's Food Access Agenda 2021

Our guiding principles: *Dignity, Agency, and Equity.*

Our Philosophy: Transparency and inclusivity

Our timeline:

- **Sep 13th:** CBO's Meeting
- **End September:** Gather feedback from CBOs, plan agenda and outreach strategy for the community meetings in October.
- **Week October 18:** two open community meetings hosted in different languages
- **October 29:** Submit the information gathered during the meetings to the Equitable Recovery Taskforce



Food Access Emergency & Recovery Investments

Emergency Investment: ~\$27 million

- Youth Meal Sites (City): **\$300,000**
- Adults Meal Sites (CARES Act): **\$500,000**
- Emergency Feeding program: (CARES Act): **\$5 million**
- Food Access Local Supply (CARES Act): **1.3 million**
- Boston Resiliency Fund: **\$19.88 million**
- Miscellaneous: staff capacity, outreach, support, transportation (OFA) :**\$250,00**

Recovery Investments : **\$2.5 million**

- Farmers Market Coupons (CARES Act): **\$500,000**
- Food Sovereignty Grants (ARPA) **\$300,000**
- Culturally Relevant Food Distribution at No Cost RFP (ARPA): **\$90,000**
- Equity in Food Access: **\$1 million** (ARPA): This grant will fund community-based solutions to foster a more just food system in Boston.
- Safety Net De-stigmatization and Outreach **\$1.1 million** (ARPA): This grant seeks to increase use, awareness and decrease stigma.
- Food resources ChatBot: Connect residents with safety net and emergency programs.
- Food Donation platform: Connect with surplus food and reduce waste
- Citywide outreach & education campaign



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