

Hartford Harvest Farm Share

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Background & Mission

Since 1978, the work of Hartford Food System has focused on understanding and addressing the underlying causes of inadequate community access to healthy food. The change we seek to create is a healthy and just food system as part of a healthy community.

HARTFORD SYSTEM

Our mission is to fight hunger and improve nutrition in our community.

Our goal is a community with a healthy, culturally responsive, just, resilient, and sustainable food system that meets the needs of all community members



Our Goal

- More local food on local tables
- Assist small and mid-size farmers to generate more revenue, reach new customers
- "30 by 30" Regional Effort

We want to connect more Hartford farmers to Hartford homes!





Our Model

2021 Look Back

- Aggregate seasonal produce both fruits and vegetables
- Worked with 7 farmers; 3 urban farmers
- 25 families served across 16 weeks

2022 Season Goals

- Reach 90 Hartford families
- Extend season to 18 weeks
- Leverage partnerships to reach new farmers; at least 10 to start



Market Segment

- 12,000 Hartford households ≥ \$75K annual income
- 8,050 households in North End ≤ ALICE annual income
- 34,000 households in inner ring Hartford suburbs
 - 12-20% currently frequent farmers markets or other CSAs



- Service organizations, religious congregations, Mutual Aid groups
- Hospital systems, local university systems, Hartford based corporate employers
- Key Customers: North End Senior Center, Oak Hill, City of Hartford HHS & WIC Office, InterCommunity, & more!





Sources & Uses*

Revenue

Sales of CSA Shares: \$44,550 USDA Planning Grant: \$54,000 Investor Contributions: \$25,000 Share Subsidies (CDBG, etc.): \$5,000

Total Revenue: \$148,000

Expenses

Compensation & Fringe: \$95,000 Cost of Goods Sold: \$18,000 Space Rental: \$4,000 Supplies: \$2,500

Total Expenses: \$147,000

*Budget represents Year 1 draft



Secured investments include grants from the USDA and CDBG funds from the City of Hartford; plus, significant interest in our Fast Pitch!



Thank you for your support and dedication to improving our local food systems!



Hartford Foundation



Next Steps:

- Promotion begins in mid-Feb
- Farmer Agreements finalized in Feb
- Fast Pitch March 1st at 1 PM
- Sales Launch March 1st

Welcome to Hartford Harvest Farm Share Can we reserve your share today?

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