

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Kendall Foundation:** 2021 New England Food System Grant Program

City of New Haven - Food System Policy Division

DATE: March 30, 2021

Funding request: up to \$250,000 over two years

The Food System Policy Division is applying for funding from the Kendall Foundation in order to partner with community members, organizations, and institutions to identify, research, and develop a series of plans and activities that will create an enabling environment for food entrepreneurship and values-based institutional food procurement, and in which all residents will equitably benefit from the positive environmental, health, and socioeconomic outcomes of a just and sustainable food system. The plans and activities will revolve around ensuring that municipal urban food, farming, and land-use policies are aligned with advancing public health, climate resilience, and equity, as determined by community needs. Project include (but are not limited to):

- Researching national and international best practices for values-based institutional food procurement and supportive policies for food entrepreneurs
- Conducting Good Food Purchasing Program baseline assessments at public institutions in New Haven
- Developing equitable food, farming, and land-use policies, processes, and knowledge products related to food entrepreneurship and values-based food procurement, especially those that prioritize vulnerable and disinvested communities

Furthermore, funding from the grant would be used to create a grant-funded staff position to help with project coordination, considering that the Food Systems Policy Division currently has only one City-funded staff position, the Director.