

CHICAGO GOOD FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Chicago departments and sister agencies spend more than \$300 million on food every year. What would it look like if these purchases were invested in an equitable food system that built local community health and wealth? Chicago is leading this bold vision by implementing the Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP).

ABOUT GFPP

In 2017, Chicago adopted a Good Food Purchasing Policy, leveraging more than \$300 million in government food procurement to advance a more equitable, healthy food system. The Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) directs City of Chicago departments and sister agencies to assess current practice and adopt healthier procurement standards by contract across five value categories:

nutrition, local food economies, fair treatment of workers, environmental sustainability, and animal welfare. Until recently, the GFPP has only been adopted in large local school districts. However, the City of Chicago was the first city after Los Angeles to take the bold move of comprehensively adopting it for all City departments and sister agencies that procure food.

GFPP CORE VALUES

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES

Support diverse, small to mid-sized food producers in the region.

FAIR TREATMENT OF WORKERS

Source from suppliers that provide safe working conditions and fair compensation for all food chain workers and producers.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Reduce carbon footprint and source from producers that use sustainable methods.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Work with producers who provide healthy & humane conditions for farm animals.

NUTRITION

Promote health & well-being through meals provided in public settings.

GFPP PARTICIPATION

Each participating City department and agency in GFPP will:

- Submit food purchasing data annually for analysis by the Center for Good Food Purchasing (CGFP);
- Insert GFPP language into new vendor solicitations and contracts;
- Develop action plans to achieve higher points in the Good Food Standards set for each value category, which are based on certifications and best practices;
- Work towards a star rating, which requires at least one point in each value category;
- Track cumulative progress and celebrate success.

GOOD FOOD TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- Chicago Housing Authority
- Chicago Park District
- Chicago Public Schools
- City Colleges of Chicago
- Dept. of Aviation
- Dept. of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection
- Dept. of Cultural Affairs & Special Events
- Dept. of Family & Support Services
- Dept. of Planning & Development
- Dept. of Procurement Services
- Dept. of Public Health
- Fleet & Facility Management
- Chicago Food Policy Action Council

KEY ACTIVITIES: 2018

GOOD FOOD TASK FORCE

Chicago's Good Food Task Force met quarterly to discuss challenges, share solutions, celebrate successes and identify collective opportunities to advance each entity's GFPP star rating.

BASELINE DATA ASSESSMENTS

City departments and sister agencies conducted baseline assessments to understand current food purchasing practices and drafted action plans. To date, Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Park District have completed their baselines. City Colleges and Department of Family & Support Services will complete baseline assessments in 2019.

NEW CONTRACTUAL LANGUAGE

City departments and sister agencies are working to incorporate GFPP standards into their Request for Proposals and new food service management contracts.

GOOD FOOD PURCHASING AWARD LEVELS

STAR RATING	POINTS
★	5-9
★★	10-14
★★★	15-19
★★★★	20-24
★★★★★	25+

GFPP IN PROGRESS: DEPARTMENT & AGENCY SNAPSHOTS

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT (CPD)

CPD is a sponsor of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), which are federally-funded programs that provide nutritious meals to low-income children. In 2018, CPD provided over 1,250,000 meals to Chicago's youth.

CPD's food service vendor, Open Kitchens, compiled baseline food purchasing data that is currently under assessment by CGFP. In the meantime, CPD has been focused on advancing their points in the Environmental Sustainability Standard by piloting a composting program and increasing their recycling efforts. CPD is also preparing to send out a Information for Bid to food service vendors in 2020 and GFPP language will be added to their solicitation.

CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO (CCC)

CCC went out to bid for a new cafeteria dining solution in 2018, and incorporated language about the GFPP into their Request for Proposals. The new contractor, Foda, Inc., will be engaged in the GFPP process in 2019.

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CPS)

CPS provides over 350,000 students with meals every day as part of school breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and suppers. In June 2017, CPS adopted GFPP as part of their new wellness policy. Food service vendor Aramark collected food purchasing data from SY2017-18 and received a baseline Good Food assessment from CGFP in summer 2018.

The district is now working on their year one action plan, which has included shifting to compostable cutlery, increasing their purchase of local, sustainable foods, and contacting vendors who are found to have health & safety and/or wage & hour violations. They will submit data from SY2018-19 for their annual reassessment in summer 2019.

The CCC Washburne Culinary Institute, which buys food for their academic programs, collected baseline food purchasing data in fall 2018 and is currently finalizing their dataset for assessment by CGFP in 2019.

GFPP IN PROGRESS: DEPARTMENT & AGENCY SNAPSHOTS, CONTINUED

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS & SPECIAL EVENTS (DCASE)

DCASE oversees multiple venues where food is sold to the public, including City Markets, neighborhood festivals, Millennium Park, and Taste of Chicago.

DCASE is preparing to launch a GFPP pilot at Taste of Chicago in 2019, where vendors will volunteer to participate in a GFPP assessment and gain new insights on their purchasing sources.

DCASE also plays a vital role in supporting local producers through their farmers markets. To better support small businesses and food entrepreneurs, DCASE partners with the Chicago Food Policy Action Council on their annual Chicago Food Policy Summit to provide tools for navigating the City Markets program, obtaining proper licensing, and bidding on public procurement contracts.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & SUPPORT SERVICES (DFSS)

DFSS annually provides over 2.6 million home delivered meals to senior citizens, in addition to another 777,000 congregate meals. DFSS also provides food to pantries and homeless shelters across the city through their Emergency Food Assistance Program.

DFSS has integrated GFPP language into their contracts and is working with their current food service vendor, Open Kitchens, to collect baseline food purchasing data. The department is also exploring new food waste reduction strategies.

FLEET & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (2FM)

2FM manages the contract for all vending machines on City of Chicago property as well as the concessions on Chicago's Riverwalk. When the vending contract expires, 2FM is planning to add language about GFPP to their new Request for Proposals.

DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION (CDA)

While not directly procuring food items, the CDA manages the contracts for concessionaires serving over 100 million air travelers annually at Chicago O'Hare and Midway International Airports. In 2018, the CDA updated its Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) to include a point in the rating system for concessionaires that pursue certification under the GFPP.

WHAT'S NEXT

CDPH and the Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC) are supporting City departments and sister agencies in completing baseline assessments, updating contract language and developing action plans. In addition, CFPAC is conducting outreach to local producers to provide education on GFPP standards and opportunities. An interdisciplinary group of researchers, the Midwest Consortium on Equity and Research and Food, is planning to evaluate the impact of GFPP on the local food system.

KEY PARTNERS

Chicago's GFPP implementation is led by the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC).



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