



# Metro Chicago's Good Food Purchasing Initiative (GFPI): Coalition Structure

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# GOOD FOOD PURCHASING INITIATIVE: MISSION



**We** work to ensure that the places feeding our communities **purchase and serve** food that advances a good food system for all.

Good food is **accessible, equitable, racially just, healthy, fair, local, humane, and sustainable.**

# GOOD FOOD PURCHASING INITIATIVE: VISION



We envision a food system where our community institutions contribute to a **liberatory foodshed** driven by those who have been **structurally excluded** from control over food production & access

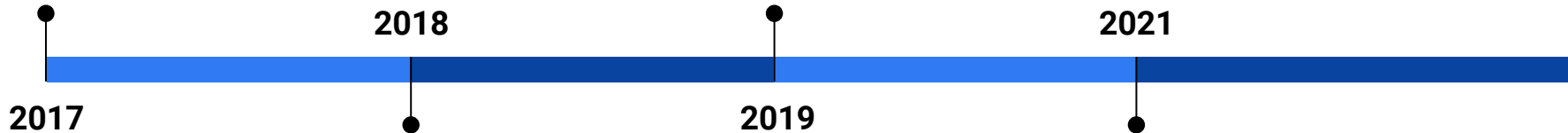
# Background of GFPI

## Local GFPP Adoption

Good Food Purchasing Program (GFPP) as a policy resolution by the Chicago City Council; passed through CPS and Parks' Wellness Policies

## Good Food Purchasing Initiative Launched by

- Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC)
- Chicago Dept of Public Health (CDPH)
- Cook County Dept of Public Health (CCDPH)



2018

2019

2021

Local GFPP Adoption

Cook County Board of Commissioners

3-Yr Strategic Plan

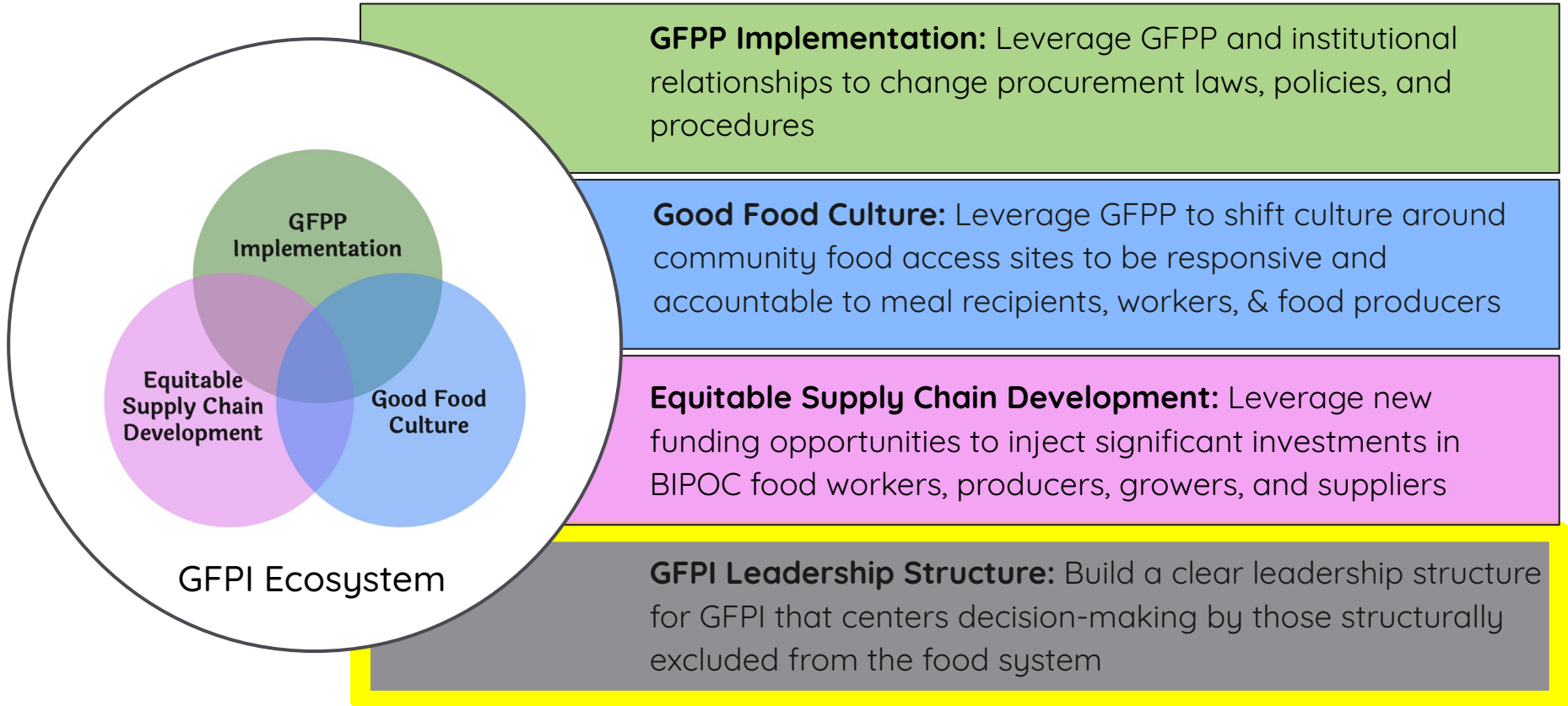
Groundswell Alliance developed a 3-year strategic plan to guide the initiative's activities forward.



# GFPI KEY PARTNERS:

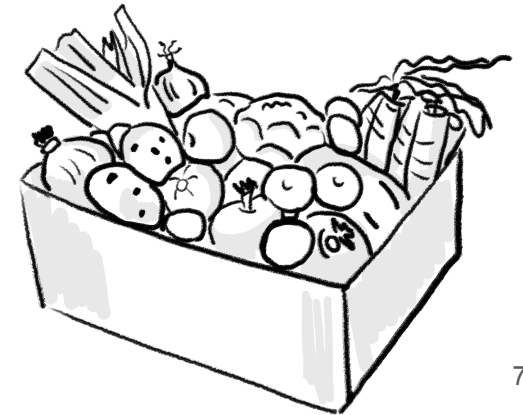


# 2022-2024 GFPI STRATEGIC LEVERS



# Structural Transition Process

- GFPI partnered with the Groundswell Alliance to hold conversations on leadership transition with partners involved in strategic planning team (2022)
- Groundswell held 4 interviews with coalitions from across the country to learn about their structures (NYC, NY State, Bay Area, & Washington D.C.) (2023)
- Focus groups with GFPI coordinators, Cook County Good Food Task Force, Food Worker Rights & Livelihood Project Partners, and Chicago Food Equity Council's Institutional Food Procurement Working Group (2023)
- Recommendations & Next Steps: Aug 2023



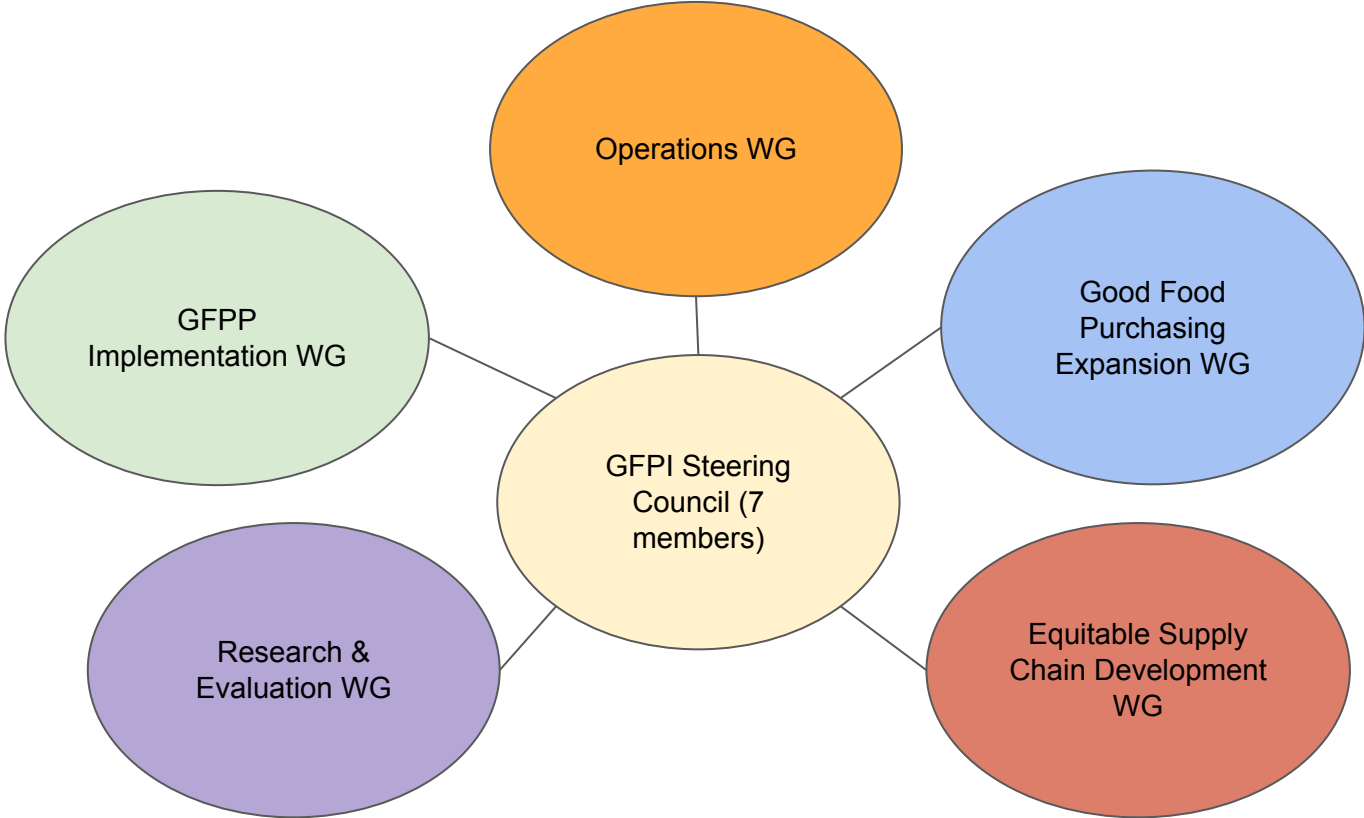
# GFPI Structure Recommendations

- Open coalition model with designated working groups and elected Steering Council model (staggered 2-yr terms)
- 5 initial working groups to align with current 3-year strategic plan
- “Affiliations” in role to identify affinity groups and caucuses
  - By sector
  - By values-alignment
  - By relationship to food system
- Move toward participatory budgeting process via working group members
- Fiscal sponsorship (CFPAC)





# GFPI Structure for 2024



# GFPI Affiliations

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Role in Food System</b>	<b>Values</b>
Individual	Food Producer	Food Worker Advocate
K-12 School District	Food Distributor	Environmental Justice Advocate
Elder Care	Meal Preparer	Local Economic Development Advocate
Corrections	Meal Provider	Animal Welfare Advocate
Healthcare	Community Advocate	Cultural, Nutritious Meal Advocate
Hospitality	Gov't Rep	Transparency & Accountability Advocate
Higher Ed	Restaurant/Concessionaire	Racial Equity Advocate
Parks & Recreation	Meal Program Administrator	
Cooperatively Owned		
Non-Profit Institution		
For-Profit Business		

# Coalition Model Benefits + Contributions

## Benefits to becoming a member

- Decision-making on initiative's leadership, strategy, and resources
- Involvement in working groups
- Public acknowledgement and promotion
- Access to resources and support

## Expectations of being a member

- Regularly attend coalition-wide meetings
- Take Good Food Purchasing Pledge (if representing an institution or community food access site)
- Participate in events & working groups as able
- Be publicly acknowledged as a GFPI member

# GFPI Leadership Structure Transition

## Leadership Structure

### Research & Engagement

Groundswell Alliance conducts interviews and focus groups to discuss leadership structure possibilities

### Membership Form Opens

Actively involved organizations and individuals invited to join via newsletter and events

### Steering Council Convenes

Steering Council begins meeting and sets agenda for coalition-wide meetings;

Sept 2023

Jan-Mar 2024

2022

Nov 2023

April 2024

### New Structure Proposed & Articles Drafted

Articles informed by actively involved GFPI coordinators and partners

### Working Groups launch & Steering Council Selection

Operations WG launches nomination and selection process for council

# Next Steps

## **1. New member recruitment**

Push begins with Chicago Food Justice Summit, March 2024

## **2. Launch of Good Food Purchasing Pledge toolkit**

Requirement for institutions and community food access sites who are GFPI members

## **3. New strategic plan development (2025-2028) & participatory budgeting**

Working groups and GFPI Steering Council will revise the direction of the initiative and ensure resources align with goals for 2025

# Key Documents

- [GFPI Steering Council \(Self\) Nomination Form](#) (New)
- [Membership Form](#)
- [Member Agreement](#)
- [GFPI Structure Articles](#)
- [Working Group Co-Lead & Liaison Role Overview](#)
- [Conflict of Interest Statement](#)
- [Working Group Charters](#)



# Thank You!

Questions?

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