Theme 1: Capacity Building

Capacity Building Topics

- Technical assistance: access to translational services, soil testing, educational workshops, site design, fundraising
- Funding for labor for expansion projects or volunteers (ex. garden coordinators, volunteer coordinator)
- Equipment, tools, soil, compost
- Continue/expand OFA raised bed program
- Increased funds for new site development
- Resources for home and community gardeners such as seed kits, garden & cooking education, tools

Capacity Building Discussion

capacity-



Infrastructure maintenance

building process: funding for smaller entities

Focus on outcomes i.e. food insecurity,

Climate-aware innovative educational growing/fostering

Climate resilience
(i.e. flooding,
selecting low-risk
sites, sustainability
at sites)

Protection of the natural resources of the farm such as the right to sunlight

+1 Equity

renovating existing
school growing
infrastrures
(greenhouse,
rooftop) for larger
scale production in
BPS

Clean energy power sources and vehicles

Admin /Finance management / Workforce management support

Cross-city
coordination
(within and
across city
depts) +1

Capacity Building Voting



Technical
Assistance
including
admin/finance

Funding for labor for expansion projects or volunteers (BPS high school, workforce developement)

Equipment, tools, soils, compost, including infrastructure maintenance

Continue/expand
OFA raised bed
program

Increased funds for new site development

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Climate
reslience/protect
natrual
resources/ clean
energy

Funding for small entitites - upfront costs

Theme 2: Increase Avenues for Sale

What are we missing?

Boston Water and Sewer has infrastructure all over the City. As a result there are open spaces where there are Boston Water Sewer drainage ditches and sewer lines. Similar to our farm, these sites could be taken advantage of for urban farming if proper procedures for growing were followed. Asking BWSC to line its sewer lines to lower the risk for contamination from sewage would open up a lot of land for growing.

Creating food production incentives

for land owners(especially

institutional landowners) and

developers, couple incentive with

conservation, and ecological

development/climate change

incentives. How can we can we

create farm cooperative

regenerative urban farming

conservation models?

Intra-City collaboration and ag

Crosss-city collaboration Every new development is an opportunity. How can DND/OFA become part of the approval process so they can provide their input before it's late?

Food hubs

re:development

I think there should be incentives for developers to incorporate urban farming into their

development plans

Cross-city collaboration What about quotas for new development for including 75% or more food producing perrennials planted

ecologcally?

working iwth youth, thinking about equity and opportunities for special needs youth as well +2

bngaging residents

engaging residents experiencing substance abuse challenges

The buy local movement in Boston is not very strong. How can we educate restaurants and the City to buy locally?

native fruit trees, shrubs, etc). Imagine all private / public land transformed into low-input perrenial food production

Producer & institutional purchaser education and technical assistance

Knowledge of the

zoning for urban

farms such as use

of the land,

setbacks, height,

frontage.

Support restaurants to provide affordable meals by using healthy ingredients from food (educating restraurant owners) banks

COB should partner with MDAR to get more locally grown food into the city. Many in the city order produce from Amazon.com believe it or not, when there are plenty of farmers in Massachusetts.

Connect with MDAR

I think we are putting ourselves in a constrictive box to have funds get disbursed for specific activities (e.g., management training or youth stipends), Vs trying to frame an ask for funds for outcomes (e.g., more equitable access of food in BIPOC communities). Then if orgs need management training that is wonderful and could use funds to improve their organizations as is best for them. Similar to what I was saying earlier but wondering if we could think outside of the box and advocate for this funding to be structured in ways that empower our org best.

expansion

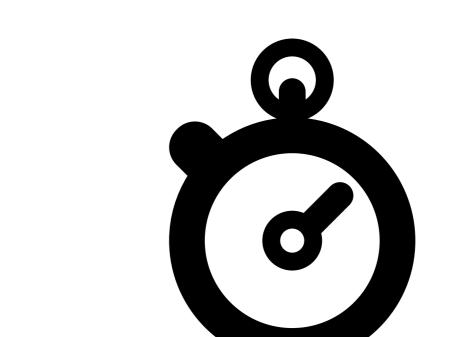
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specific

buckets

Funding

Funds for grants tied to broader goals that for-profits and non-profits can apply for (larger buckets)



20 min

Open grants to help capacity to grow food

Innovative Growing

Hydroponics innovation

Rooftop farm task force

BPS high school students (special ed) providing services

+1 Caitie's point: funding for BPS to learn food growing is even more important than growing food. We'd be growing citizens who appreciate healthy local fresh food. Perhaps some of the funding can be for https://bostongreenschools.org/

Support private residences, businesses, and new development (with funds, TA) to plant ecologically on own private property (e.g.,

Theme 3: Non-traditional growing sites

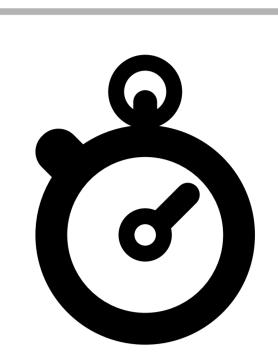
Non-traditional growing sites

- Particular investments/connections shipping container farms/hydroponic farms
- School and/or community center gardens

Non-traditional growing sites Particular investments/connections in rooftop gardening



Non-traditional growing sites



15 min

How can the City help farms and developers coexist in regards to sunlight, noise, parking

and chickens.

Food forests / Ecological agriculture (tackles longterm sustainability in food systems, healthy land mgmt, while engaging neighbors to grow food in volume beyond garden

Research group/task force of identifying existing roofs/ wall/lots

Managing public non-traditional growing spaces (urban wilds, food forests, other public spaces)

Educating people to grow at home

Funding for incentivizing developrs to make their rooftops green

Rooftopsin new and existing buildings

Climate-

aware Greenhouse educatinal innovations innovation

Education about urban wilds (and other fruit trees in the city) so food is harvested/not wasted

Particular investments/ connections in rooftop gardening

Particular investments/ conections for shipping container/hydroponic

School and/or community center gardens

Climate innovation Food Forests (of all kinds)

Education (about urban wilds, growing at home

Management of public space to grow food

Supporting individuals to grow at ho me

Theme 2: Increase Avenues for Sale

Increase in avenues for sales/distribution

- Aggregate CSAs
- Expanded leveraging of HIP/SNAP Farm shares
- Incentives for farmers to be part of local Farmers' Markets
- Distribution logistics support corner stores, co-ops, food pantries, food waste
 - Could include cooperative buying and deliveries etc



Increase Avenues for Sale Discussion

Beyond aggregating
CSAs--identifying
locations for Food Hubs
(aggregating food at
various locations across
the city, more
infrastrucure for farms to
distribute at)

Food Hubs

District zone just for farms/ gardening (hub for urban ag/food production)

Promotion support for farms that accept SNAP/WIC

Enable city-based food orgs to sell to BPS under good food pruchasing policy

Distribution support (vans, bringing people to farms)

Inclusive marketing for high-income

+1 distribution

Increase Avenues for Sale/Discussion



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Incentives for farmer's to be part of local Farmers'

Markets

Food Hubs

Promotion

Distribution
logitics supporot
(deliveries,
transporatation,
cooperative
buying)