

# **BUTTE COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEM ASSESSMENT**

# ROUND 1 PROJECT

In 6-7 meetings from **January-May 2021**, Participants

Built a **diverse coalition** of members of your community to carry out an AERO guided assessment

Defined the mission, vision and values for the coalition

Identified the status of the 5 **food system sectors** (**production, transformation/processing, distribution/marketing, consumption/access, resource management**), and **assets** (education, economy, policy, equity, wellness) currently present in the Butte community

The Coalition connected with community members in a targeted survey

Output from this process was a **Community Food System Snapshot**

# ROUND 2 PROJECT

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  - Coalition reviewed all input from the snapshot and the community surveys and came up with many different project ideas
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  - Based in this project prioritization, the Coalition began project discussions and action planning for next steps
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  - Considering what forming a more formalized Coalition.
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# Round I Project

January 2021 - May 2021

- Built a diverse coalition
- Defined our mission, vision, and values for our coalition
- Evaluated the current status of our 5 food system sectors
  - Production
  - Transformation/processing
  - Distribution/marketing
  - Consumption/access
  - Resource management
  - Assets
- After evaluation, we completed a Community Food System Snapshot
- Finally, we put out a Community Food System Survey for public feedback



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Coalition members collaborated on The Community Food Expansion project that will increase equitable access to high-quality nutrient-dense food by extending the farmers' market season, expanding the Double SNAP Dollar initiative, and implementing food education programming.

We recently received news that this project will receive funding through the Superfund Advisory and Redevelopment Trust Authority (SARTA) Grant program to support Harvest of the Month efforts at the summer & winter farmers' market, and to begin family cooking nights in the Gym Dandy community kitchen!