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Working with Interest Groups & Network-Building	
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I have experience using antiracism, diversity, equity, and inclusion practices/approaches in food systems or other work	<p>Naima Gardner-Rice (I co-chair our agency-wide Healthy Equity Council) work with tribal entities - Rhoda Burrows Erica Blair -- Kansas Healthy Food Initiative recently created a racial equity policy Also working with UMES on USDA AMS project to assess why farmers are not accessing their programs - Rhoda Virginia Pleasant, I have been working do build mentor networks and fill technical assistance gaps for BIPOC and urban farmers in our region Giselle Bruskewitz</p>
I have successfully cultivated lasting partnerships with government agencies	<p>Lindsey Scalera — LINDSEY SCALERA Naima Gardner-Rice (I am with a government agency and have relationships with reps from other agencies) Sarah Smith— Extension; and NEMA Jan Libbey - partners engaged with our Coalition have this experience Jess GC - I'm in a gov agency (UW-Madison and Dane County/Extension); connected with Health & Human Services & area agencies. Virginia Pleasant Giselle Bruskewitz- I have been part of this work</p>
I have successfully cultivated partnerships with farmers	<p>Naima Gardner-Rice (my involvement in RFSP and LFPA have helped with this a lot) Stephanie Blumhagen - I'm the ED of a beginning farmer education nonprofit and we're building a farmer peer support network. Erica Blair Jan Libbey - good access and connection to those networks in Iowa Virginia Pleasant- I have over a decade of experience researching and working directly with farmers, I am currently a value chain professional for our organization Giselle Bruskewitz- food hub farmer relationship development</p>

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Food System Plan Development	
I have experience initiating a statewide food system plan	Jan Libbey - we're in the development process in Iowa Virginia Pleasant- I have been active in our planning process— ANONYMOUS Giselle Bruskewitz
I have experience completing a statewide food system plan	
I have contributed to the development of a statewide food system plan	Naima Gardner-Rice (we have had lots of stops and starts!) Virginia Pleasant- see Naima's comment above
I have experience implementing a statewide food system plan	Minnesota has a food charter and UMN Ext has supported design and implementation. — KELLY KUNKEL
I have experience obtaining funding for food plans (local, regional or statewide)	
Food Policy Advocacy & Organizing	
Our state has local/regional food policy councils that intersect with my work	Jan Libbey - three active councils in Iowa at this time Erica Blair -- we have a lot of food policy councils in Kansas Minnesota also as food policy councils or networks. — KELLY KUNKEL Lindsey Scalera - we have a statewide network of food councils — LINDSEY SCALERA Jess GC - I advise a county food council and am also connected to a city one (Madison/Dane County, WI) Naima Gardner-Rice (we have a statewide food council network)— ANONYMOUS Sarah Smith, Nebraska Food Council; participating in a planning group for a food financing plan with 16 county economic dev. District Virginia Pleasant- our organization is a food council, but we also have a statewide network of councils. Giselle Bruskewitz- Chair Johnson County Food Policy Council
I have tried to/successfully leveraged local food policy councils on statewide projects (of any type)	Our food council is currently leading a statewide RFSP grant, and has been involved in advocacy at the state level
I have experience in advocating for local/state level policy change related to food systems	Naima Gardner-Rice (was formerly a registered lobbyist with AHA working on Healthy Food Financing) Sarah Smith, LB 396 Virginia Pleasant Giselle Bruskewitz

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Tracking and Sharing Progress	
I have experience evaluating a statewide food system plan	
I have experience with setting or tracking food systems metrics	<p>Naima Gardner-Rice (through our RFSP project, Indiana has identified an extensive "menu" of equity-based food systems metrics)</p> <p>Giselle Bruskewitz- through various grants</p>
Storytelling	<p>Virginia Pleasant- Our organization uses storytelling as a tool to communicate about nodes of the food system- typically far more effective than statistics!</p>
Other ideas!	
Farmers and states being prepared to receive influx of funding + equitable access to funds	<p>Naima Gardner-Rice (I'm very interested in this!)</p> <p>Sarah Smith, writing proposal now for LFS funds</p> <p>Jess GC - Very interested, too.</p>
I have additional skills and experience I am interested in sharing:	
I have led or contributed to COVID Response strategies	