

Dane County Exec. Parisi: Dane County accepting applications for two partners in equity grant programs

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Programs Aimed at Addressing Systematic Racial Inequities

Today County Executive Parisi announced that community based organizations can now apply for the Partners in Equity Grant Program and the first Partner in Equity Food Project Grant. The Partners in Equity Grant Program supports Dane County-based community groups that propose to use funding to address systemic racial inequities in the criminal justice system. The Partners in Equity Grant (PIE Grant) was approved by the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive and piloted in 2015 to address systemic racial inequalities in health, education, employment or criminal justice.

“My top priority as County Executive is to work with our entire community to ensure that every single resident has access to opportunity,” said Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive. “Together, we can address these shared challenges and better ensure opportunity for all.”

Grants are awarded to Dane County based community group(s) that will use the funding to address systemic racial inequities in the following areas: Health,

Education, Employment, Criminal Justice. Individual organizations may apply for up to \$15,000. Partnerships or collaborations of two or more eligible organizations may apply for up to \$50,000 (the full amount).

“This program will help bolster important work that is being done in the community and is a wonderful opportunity for non-profits to access county services,” said Supervisor Shelia Stubbs. “It will help organizations innovate and grow and will benefit our efforts to be a more equitable community.”

Applicants may go to the following website

<https://oei-exec.countyofdane.com/Pie-Grant> to obtain the applications or may contact the office at 608-283-1391 for a paper application or if they have questions.

The PIE Grant application must be received by the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion by no later than 4:00 PM, Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Mail or drop of applications at 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, RM 356, Madison WI 53703.

The Partner in Equity Food Project Grant was created to encourage the innovative development of projects that advance equity and access in local food systems across Dane County. The budget for food projects is \$15,000. The maximum amount of any one grant will be \$5,000.

Proposals should address one for more of the following focus areas:

- Increase access to healthy food
- Ease access to land for growing food
- Address issues of food waste and recovery

Priority will be given to projects serving Dane County communities outside the city of Madison and those that impact underserved or underrepresented communities in Madison.

The PIE Food Grant Program application must be received by the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion by no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, July 13, 2018.

The Office for Equity and Inclusion furthers Dane County’s ongoing commitment to addressing racial, gender, and disabilities disparities. The office guides Dane County’s Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Contract Compliance, and Civil

Rights Compliance functions and serves as a resource for all County departments around issues of equity, disparities, conflict resolution, staff development and best practices.