

Dane County: Accepting applications for two 2019 Partners in Equity Grant Programs

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Madison - Today, Dane County Executive Joe 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.

“By addressing shared challenges, we can increase opportunity in Dane County and help every resident reach their full potential,” said County Executive Joe Parisi. “These grants are one way Dane County strives to achieve equity in our community and carry out our Access to Opportunity Initiative.”

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, and 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 \$57,500 (the full amount).

Applicants may go to the following

website <https://oei-exec.countyofdane.com/Pie-Grant> to obtain the applications or may contact the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion 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, Friday, March 1, 2019. Mail or drop off applications at 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, RM 356, Madison WI 53703 or email your application to oeigrantsubmission@countyofdane.com.

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. Individuals and organizations with smaller projects are especially encouraged to apply. The 2019 Food Grant budget is \$20,000. There will be two (2) different applications and two (2) categories for the PIE Food Grant the 2019 year: one for funding requests up to \$4,000, and the other for requests up to \$2,000.

Proposals should address one or 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

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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.