

# Snapshot of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

July–December 2021 Progress Report



## Goals

- Identify healthy food priority areas in Pittsburgh for policy action and focused collective impact
- Create consistent mechanism to meaningfully engage residents with local government to co-design policy that positively impacts food and health equity in priority communities



## By the Numbers

- Six partners worked together to develop and implement the Pittsburgh Food Equity Ambassador program, identify sources of food equity data in the region and compile policy recommendations
- 10 individuals completed the first cohort of the Pittsburgh Food Equity Ambassador program and were awarded a certificate of achievement by the mayor

## Success Story

Not only did the first cohort of the Food Equity Ambassador program successfully produce six policy recommendations, but they also developed stronger relationships with the Mayor's office and Department of City Planning. This has encouraged government leaders to prioritize the ambassador's recommendations and allowed for increased community participation in policy-making processes. The feedback provided by the first cohort will be used to shape the second cohort of the program this year.

"We are actively working to incorporate the ambassador's direct feedback to continue to transform the ways we view power and shift more power to our resident ambassadors. We will further empower ambassadors with skill-building activities to develop their leadership capacity to advocate for food justice and equity in Pittsburgh by providing them with the tools to participate in the policymaking process."

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