

Build Skills & Systems for Urban Agriculture & Local Food Enterprise POLICY MAKERS & FUNDERS CAN HELP

Families & Individuals Need:

- Infrastructure for intensive urban food production in backyards & rooftops
- Tools & equipment
- Support for programs & organizations that providing skills & training
- Small business planning assistance & investment
- Food handling training & vendor permits assistance

Neighborhoods & Community Institutions Need:

- Access to vacant land & expedited remediation of contaminated lots
- Infrastructure for intensive urban food production in vacant lots, schools, parks, & warehouses, including:
 - Community hoopouses (high tunnels), large-plot gardens, rooftops
 - Aquaponic systems (fish and plants growing together)
- Soil & compost for growing systems
- Community kitchens for food processing & preservation, and as catering & value-added products incubators

To Increase & Improve Structures, Systems, & Skills

- Fund sites, projects, equipment, & training
- Remove obstacles to urban food production in codes, policies, & infrastructure
- Provide incentives for production, purchase, & consumption of local foods
- Develop & fund the local production, distribution, processing, & marketing systems
- Develop & fund food systems curricula for all education levels, integrated as an essential component of creating educated people
- Develop & fund public awareness campaigns about the multiple benefits of a re-localized food economy

Regional Needs Include:

- Legislative framework & incentives for purchases from local growers by local institutions (schools, agencies, hospitals, etc.)
- Localized distribution system development – farm & garden to market & store
- Regional planning that manages land for production, market supply/demand, & resource sharing
- Support for local food policy councils

For more information:

CFPAC www.chicagofoodpolicy.org

AUA <http://groups.google.com/group/advocates-for-urban-agriculture>