LOCAL FOODS, LOCAL PLACES
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Workshop Focus

Below are four topic areas identified by the Local Foods, Local Places steering committee to structure the workshop and serve as the goals for the community action plan we will develop. There will be time in the sessions to discuss and refine them if necessary. Everyone will brainstorm potential actions or next steps necessary to advance each goal. There will be breakout rooms to detail the actions selected by participants as highest priority for each goal. Please consider each one and what you think needs to happen. Please note the goals listed here are not in any order of importance or sequence.

Overarching theme: Building a resilient local/regional food system.

1. Identify strategies to support and enhance existing commercial kitchen and food incubator spaces.
2. Improve food security and public health in Cottage Grove.
3. Increase the involvement of Cottage Grove's underrepresented/immigrant populations (e.g. youth, BIPOC representatives) in local food and place-making initiatives.
4. Build stronger supply chain connections for farmers and food producers with both local and regional markets.

Virtual Workshop Agenda

The workshop will consist of a series of seven virtual sessions leading up to the completion of a draft community action plan framed around the community goals for this technical assistance process.

SESSION	DESCRIPTION	DAY & TIME (PDT)
1	VISION & VALUES This session will provide context for the Local Foods, Local Places planning assistance process in Cottage Grove, review the community's goals, and hear values and vision for local food and place-making from participants.	Thurs., November 5 9:00 – 10:30 AM PDT
2	CASE STORIES This session will explore possible strategies and solutions, ideas, and initiatives via examples from other communities and discussion of applicable strategies/actions to take in Cottage Grove.	Thurs., November 5 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM PDT
3	SMALL GROUP EXERCISES Small working group exercises stimulate thought and exchange	Thurs., November 5 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM PDT

		around the goals to help prep for action brainstorming. Participants will use Social Pinpoint or Google Slides to interact in breakout rooms facilitated by the technical assistance team.	
4		ACTION BRAINSTORMING Participants will generate ideas for actions to support each community goal using Google Slides.	Thurs., November 5 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM PDT
5		ACTION PRIORITIZATION Participants will review all proposed actions for each of the goals and prioritize those that are most important and/or need to happen sooner rather than later. Participants will vote via an online survey form.	Fri., November 6 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM PDT
6		ACTION PLANNING Participants work in small groups in breakout rooms to detail key actions under each goal with leads, support roles, timeframe, metrics of success, and more. This is the part of the process most critical for determining what will happen to support the community's goals, why each action is important, who will need to be involved, how long actions will take, and what resources are available and needed for success.	Fri., November 6 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:00 – 2:30 PM PDT (w/ hour lunch break)
7		REPORT OUT / NEXT STEPS Each goal breakout room reports out on the results of the prior action planning session and collects feedback from the group. Next steps will be reviewed prior to the conclusion of the workshop and this phase of the technical assistance.	Fri., November 6 3:00-4:00 PM PDT