

In December 2014, White House Rural Council and six federal agencies (USDA, EPA, DoT, DRA, ARC, and CDC) selected 26 communities to participate in Local Foods, Local Places, a federal initiative providing direct technical support and expertise to community partners integrating local food systems into regional economic action plans. Under this effort, a team of federal agricultural, transportation, environmental, public health and regional economic experts will work directly with communities to develop specific local food projects. These efforts will make a significant impact in the communities participating in the Local Foods, Local Places initiative.

Alabama

Tuskegee, Alabama will receive technical assistance to pursue a plan for economic development and food security through downtown revitalization and regional marketing initiatives.

Arizona

Ajo, Arizona will receive technical assistance to develop and implement an action plan promoting local foods and entrepreneurship in order to create an economically vibrant community.

Arkansas

The Flippin School District in Flippin, Arkansas will receive technical assistance to transition chronically empty properties adjacent to the high school parking lot into a farmers market.

The Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub and the community of North Little Rock, Arkansas will receive technical assistance to create a Regional Food Innovation Center. The center will increase downtown development opportunities by supporting food entrepreneurs and creating a market for local rural farmers.

Osceola, Arkansas will receive technical assistance to connect the downtown historic district with local food opportunities.

California

The Youth Policy Institute in Los Angeles, California will receive technical assistance to create a community-supported agriculture program that can improve the health of low-income residents by increasing access to local foods, boost economic opportunities for farmers and producers in the region, and help revitalize distressed neighborhoods.

Kentucky

Barbourville, Kentucky will receive technical assistance to expand its current farmers market into a permanent facility where local farmers, gardeners, crafters, entrepreneurs, and consumers can interact and local community organizations can meet.

Hazard, Kentucky will receive technical assistance to establish and sustain the Eastern Kentucky Food and Farm Hub, a local food aggregation and distribution center located in the downtown that will serve the area within a 50-mile radius.

Louisiana

Lafayette, Louisiana will receive technical assistance to develop rural-urban partnerships with neighboring parishes to support a regional food alliance that can improve the regional economy, public health, and sustainability.

The Friends of Lafitte Corridor in New Orleans, Louisiana will receive technical assistance to create a permanent farmers market structure on its site, where farmers and gardeners growing food along the Lafitte Greenway can sell their harvest several times a week.

Maine

Unity, Maine will receive technical assistance to create a more connected, walkable community; better market the community's agricultural character; and create a local food system that serves all residents.

Mississippi

Clarksdale, Mississippi will receive technical assistance to develop a job training program based on vegetable farming and community gardens that will supply food for a farmers market and a café.

Itta Bena, Mississippi will receive technical assistance to create a permanent grocery store and lasting local food network.

Missouri

Jefferson City, Missouri will receive technical assistance to increase access to locally grown food and products in a way that supports local farmers and businesses and helps to make the downtown a vibrant neighborhood.

Nevada

The Churchill Economic Development Authority in Fallon, Nevada will receive technical assistance to create a local foods hub in an abandoned grocery store in the historic downtown.

New York

Canton, New York will receive technical assistance to build a robust, equitable, and environmentally sound local food system that can help downtown revitalization efforts.

North Carolina

Rocky Mount, North Carolina will receive technical assistance to explore opportunities to establish a new farmers market in an economically challenged part of the city, and to develop urban community gardens on former brownfield sites and FEMA buyout lots and nearby affordable housing developments.

Oklahoma

The Choctaw Nation in Idabel, Oklahoma will receive technical assistance to showcase local food with nutrition education in conjunction with the creation of a downtown farmers market.

Ohio

Youngstown, Ohio will receive technical assistance to integrate its local food activities into the larger neighborhood revitalization efforts currently underway in the city.

Pennsylvania

The Rodale Institute will receive technical assistance to create a strategic plan to transform Allentown, Pennsylvania into an urban agricultural center that includes a city-wide network of community gardens, farmers markets, and programming to promote healthy living and eating.

Forest County, Pennsylvania will receive technical assistance to connect its downtown revitalization efforts in Tionesta and Marienville with the county's rich agricultural heritage.

Tennessee

Tracy City, Tennessee will receive technical assistance to develop a comprehensive, cohesive regional plan for economic stability that connects organizations and stakeholders involved in the region's local food economy.

Texas

Vinton, Texas will receive technical assistance to create the Village of Vinton Farmers' market and Community Garden. By creating a physical space where Vinton residents can interact and gain access to fresh, locally produced food, the Village of Vinton will take the first steps in a multi-phase plan toward more economic opportunities for residents in the region.

West Virginia

Wheeling, West Virginia will receive technical assistance to develop historic Vineyard Hill into a productive public asset and to transform Wheeling into a regional hub for local food.

Williamson, West Virginia will receive technical assistance to establish a Health Innovation Hub that brings local foods to market to improve the health of residents while building a vibrant local economy.

Wisconsin

Loyal, Wisconsin will receive technical assistance to help the Loyal Farmer's Plaza develop in a way that revitalizes the community's downtown