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CDFA Releases King County Local Food Facility Development Finance Roadmap Report

—Financing Local Food Systems Infrastructure—

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies is pleased to announce the release of the [King County Local Food Facility Development Finance Roadmap Report](#). CDFA has partnered with King County, Washington to unlock public/private financing dollars to help support the creation of a local food facility that will strengthen the King County region's local food system and increase access to healthy, affordable food for underserved communities. The local food facility will be a critical piece of local food systems infrastructure by assisting small and medium-sized food businesses scale up with amenities like commercial production kitchen space, cold and dry storage, and flexible space for packing and other educational or collaborative activities.

“For the past three years, CDFA has had the pleasure of working alongside King County to identify possible financing streams to support a local food facility,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “We are excited to present this exclusive development finance roadmap report with tangible recommended next steps for King County. This project has the opportunity to strengthen the local food systems infrastructure in King County and become a model for communities across the country.”

View the full [King County Local Food Facility Development Finance Roadmap Report](#) online.

With funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, CDFA has been researching how development finance agencies can become more engaged in developing local and regional food systems. CDFA aims to advance opportunities and leverage existing financing streams to scale local and regional food systems by increasing access to healthy foods and creating new living wage jobs in communities across the country.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal innovator and entrepreneur Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Michigan, and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special attention is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. WKKF priority places in the U.S. are in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans; and internationally, are in Mexico and Haiti. For more information, visit www.wkkf.org.

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