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NEWS RELEASE

Food Security Plan Earns City \$8,100 Grant

FREDERICK, MD – May 2, 2019: A food security plan in The City of Frederick’s Sustainability program has earned an \$8,100 public health grant to benefit a food growing program begun by the Frederick Food Security Network.

Food and nutrition are a sector in the City’s sustainability plan, and that led to the proposed collaboration with the Food Security Network, according to Sustainability Manager Jenny Willoughby. In 2018, the Hood College Frederick Food Security Network donated 1,521 pounds of food to more than 400 low-income families; 182 volunteers donated 1,397 hours of time to the project in 2018.

“We’re partnering with the Food Security Network and hope to expand the great work they did last year,” Willoughby said. “The hope this year is to expand the growing space and season by growing produce in two additional gardens and in a greenhouse.”

Additional greenhouse space will enable the Network to provide food for more families and to extend the season, particularly those without walkable access to a grocery store.

The grant is for \$8,160, and it will be matched with in-kind support from the Frederick Food Security Network and City Sustainability office, and additional grant funds acquired by Frederick Food Security Network.

“This is a very positive opportunity to address one of the most frequently identified needs,” said Mayor Michael O’Connor. “This proposal exemplifies the best of government and non-government collaboration to benefit our community.”

Details of the application and proposal are posted online:

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