## Memorandum



DATE May 2, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**SUBJECT Healthy Foods Funding Opportunity** 

The Dallas Development Fund (DDF) has issued a funding opportunity for qualified non-profits to increase the number of non-traditional food access points including corner stores and other fresh food options in low-income, underserved communities across Dallas. DDF was created by City Council resolution 09-0461, on February 11, 2009, as a Texas non-profit entity to apply for, award, and manage a New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) allocation.

DDF has allocated a total of \$250,000 to be awarded to non-profit recipients for gapfunding assistance to provide low and moderate-income populations with access to healthy food through innovation and/or community partnerships. No award will exceed \$70,000. Under the program, DDF will provide forgivable loans for redevelopment, improvements, construction and rehabilitation, equipment installation and upgrades, staff training, security, and inventory. Eligible project areas are defined by the map on the next page.

The application is available <u>here</u> and applications are welcome from any qualified non-profit. Applications are due to the Office of Economic Development on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact me with any questions.

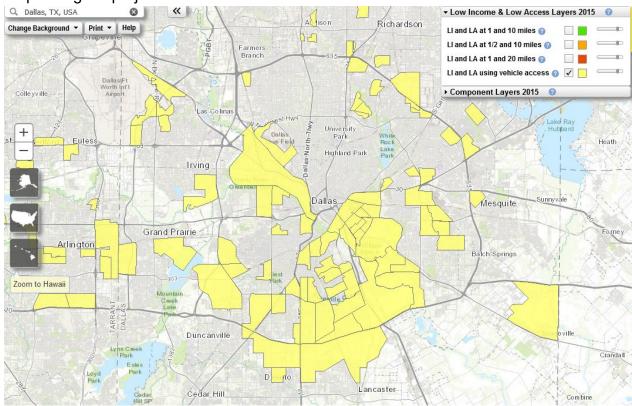
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Director, Office of Economic Development

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## Map of eligible project areas



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