## EFOD Criteria

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<th>INDICATORS OF EFOD</th>
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<td>Equity &amp; justice are part of mission, unapologetically represent a historically marginalized community, clearly working on systems change, power change &amp; accountability in operations; ongoing commitment to teaching/including larger transformation; involved in other organizing, advocacy, or policy work – it’s not just about food</td>
<td>Language and mission is general or just development or food related (i.e. “all lives matter”); community transformation is an intention but not yet in practice</td>
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<td>Embedded in a community or regional network with strong community identity; prioritize culture and artistic and cultural expression; a history of work in this community; leadership has historical connection to social justice in that community</td>
<td>Not connected to community; national or regional without accountability to particular community with distinct identity</td>
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<td>Developing new markets and enterprises, creating real economic opportunities, sustainable</td>
<td>Exclusively education, policy, or awareness building; no direct service programming; solely community gardens, no sales or marketing aspect</td>
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<td>Board of Directors and top leadership is representative of the community organization serves, often People of Color-led; work is by &amp; for community members; critical convener role in development projects, serving to maintain community sovereignty, local/county planning involvement</td>
<td>Community served has no real power, decision-making, living-wage jobs in organization</td>
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<td>Building community-member assets, equity. often uses alternative economic structures and decision-making processes so community members can have ownership (i.e. co-ops); representative board membership</td>
<td>Outside capital, business owned by outside institutions or people; primarily job creation or training</td>
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**UNDERLYING MOTIVATION**
- Food is a cultural asset
- Food is an existing skill that can be built upon for economically-marginalized communities
- Food access is a key indicator of community health

**SOCIAL INEQUITIES**

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS**
- Increased capital for community enterprises
- Community organizing
- Community leadership development
- Inclusion in community planning

**INSTITUTIONAL POWER**
- Ownership is reflective of community
- Local and culturally appropriate goods are more available and affordable
- Coordinated food value chain
- Community asset creation

**EFOD OUTCOME**
- Lowering the economic risk of ownership/entrepreneurship; intergenerational wealth and social capital; protective factors against economic vulnerability.
- Community-designed health and nutrition priorities are normalized.
- The full expression of community pride, power, resilience.

**REDUCED HEALTH DISPARITIES**
**IMPROVED HEALTH STATUS**

**PROBLEMATIC POLICY AND FINANCIAL CONTEXT**
- Capital mobility means returns on investments are not recirculated locally.
- Government- and corporate-led development attracts higher-income residents and threatens neighborhood identity.
- Critical community needs remain un- or under-invested in; oppositional local policymaking bodies.
- Traditional finance mechanisms are not structured to support grassroots solutions.