

EFOD Criteria

	INDICATORS OF EFOD	CONTRADICTION OF EFOD
Equity- and justice-first	Equity & justice are part of mission, unapologetically represent a historically marginalized community, clearly working on systems change, power change & accountability in operations; ongoing commitment to teaching/including larger transformation; involved in other organizing, advocacy, or policy work – it's not just about food	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
Place-based	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	Not connected to community; national or regional without accountability to particular community with distinct identity
Use market-based/ business strategies	Developing new markets and enterprises, creating real economic opportunities, sustainable	Exclusively education, policy, or awareness building; no direct service programming; solely community gardens, no sales or marketing aspect
Community leadership development/ community organizing	Board of Directors and top leadership is representative of the community organization serves, often People of Color-led; work is by & for community members; critical convener role in development projects, serving to maintain community sovereignty, local/county planning involvement	Community served has no real power, decision-making, living-wage jobs in organization
Community ownership	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	Outside capital, business owned by outside institutions or people; primarily job creation or training

**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

Community engagement
Community leadership development
Increased capital for community enterprises
Inclusion in community planning
Community organizing

INSTITUTIONAL POWER

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

**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
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