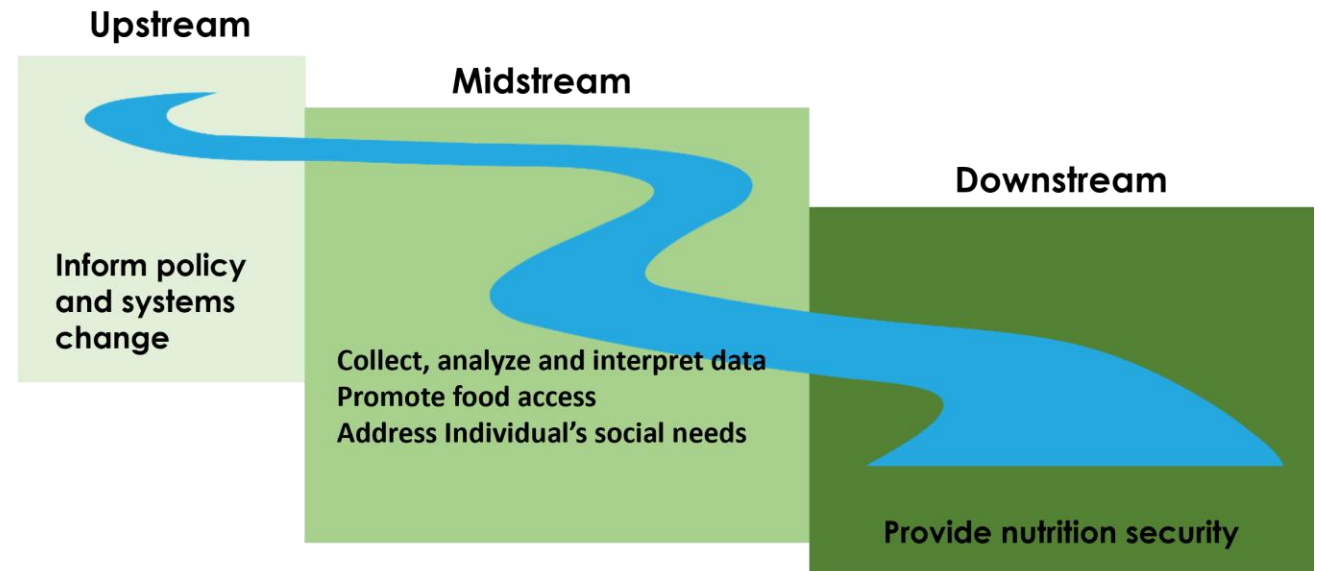


Policy **Co**Design: Pilot Project to Improve Food Access & Promote Racial Equity

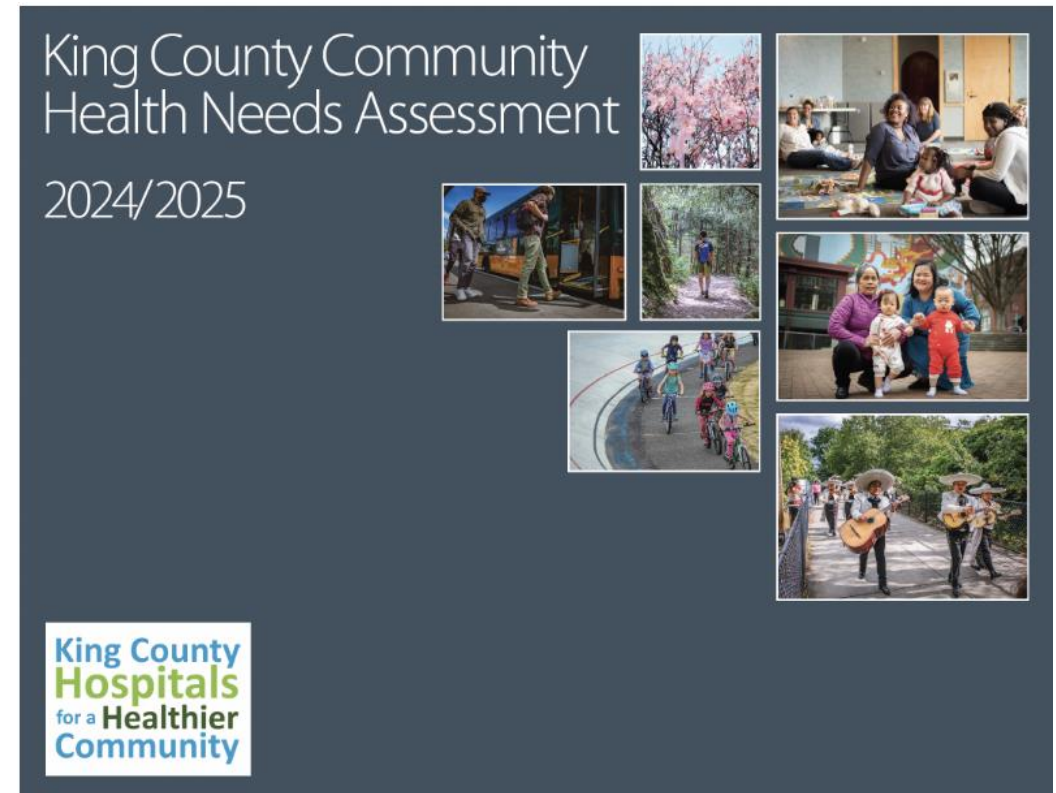
Outcome

- Pilot a codesign project to be replicated for future topics
- Address upstream drivers that lead to food insecurity
- Policy recommendation tailored to Public Health Seattle & King County



Why food access?

- Identified as a community priority in the King County Community Health Needs Assessment and by Community Navigators
- Food insecurity among Black and Hispanic adults is nearly 3 times the county average
- For transgender adults is nearly four times as cisgender adults



The Codesign Team

Subject matter experts working in the food security field

Responsible for developing a policy recommendation

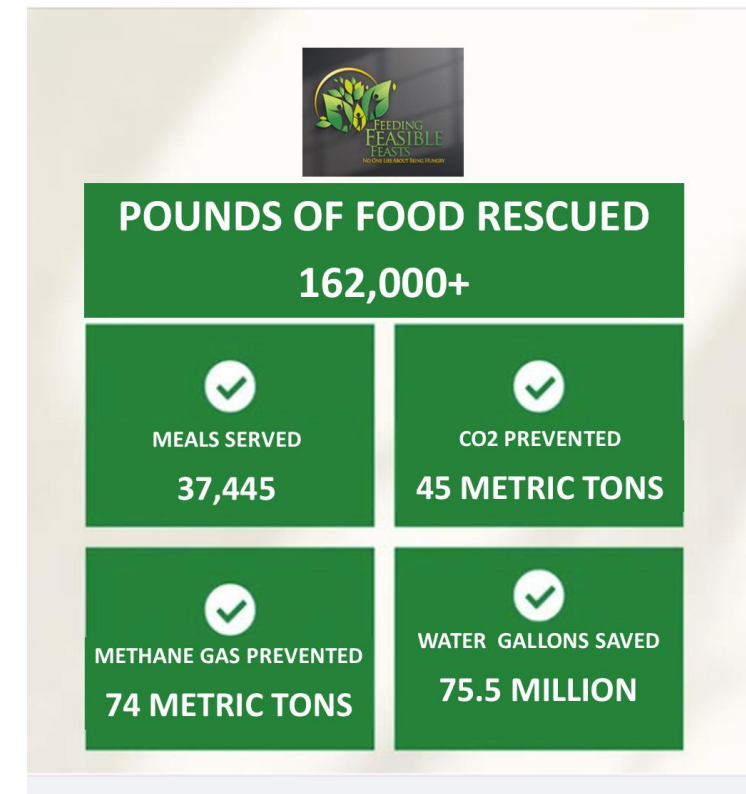
Members were compensated for their time and expertise

Met in series of six workshops over a period of 9 months



About Feeding Feasible Feasts

- Dedicated to addressing systemic issues of food access through innovation, collaboration, and equity.
- We know that policy must be rooted in lived experience if it is to bring about long-lasting and just outcomes.
- Our work emphasizes dignity and sovereignty, ensuring that food programs are not only about distribution, but about resilience, choice, and justice.



UW Colab's Policy Codesign Model

Phase 1: Elicit ideas

Personal Knowledge:
Getting to know each other & values mapping

Workshop 1



Systemic Knowledge:
Evidence and Policy Review

Workshop 2



Local Systems Knowledge:
Landscape of Food Security in King County

Workshop 3



Community Knowledge:
Special teams provide their perspective

Workshop 4



Phase 2: Prototyping testing

Prototyping:
Develop policy principles based on emerging themes

Workshop 5



Prototyping:
Develop policy strategy

Workshop 6



1st Phase: Eliciting Ideas (Workshops 1-4)

What we did

- Mapped King County services, systems, funding & how people interact with them
- Completed a policy review and evaluated evidence
- Heard from communities with lived experiences



Result

Identified common emerging themes

2nd Phase: Prototyping & Testing (Workshops 5-6)

Food Access Policy Principles



Pursue bold systems changes towards food sovereignty rooted in the idea that food is a basic right.



Center people experiencing food insecurity and the community-based organizations that serve them in policy design and implementation.



Leverage and strengthen existing infrastructure and systems, including removing barriers and restrictive processes that hinder food access.



Engage continuously with community-based organizations in programs and solutions.



Protect and improve food access for communities through economic and community development.

Policy Strategies

- 1) Guaranteed Basic Income
- 2) Fresh Bucks PLUS
- 3) Healthy Food Financing in Low-Income Areas

Advisory teams offered a broader perspective



- Members from the King County Local Food Initiative
- Government team or people in government working toward better food access
- Both teams provided feasibility checks on the policy recommendations

Assessed feasibility & ranking of strategies

Factor	Low	High
Political will		
Time		
Cost/Money		
Public supporters		
Opposition		
Existing efforts		
Impact – numbers of people		
Alignment with policy principles		
Will this activate allies? i.e. forum attendees		

Policy Strategy Chosen

Fresh Bucks PLUS

- Expand to be County-wide
- Only 2 eligibility requirements
- Closest policy to give people cash
- Already existing structure that we know works
- Bold given the current environment
- Present strategy at upcoming Food Policy Forum

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