

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Regional Food Council Application

About the Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council

In the Kerr-Tar Region, we have the ability to feed our population healthy food from our own local farms, thereby helping to address many of our region's pressing economic, food security and health needs. In 2019, the Kerr Tar Regional Food Policy was enacted with the intention to provide a strategy for growing a sustainable regional food system, encompassing sustainable food production, processing, distribution, marketing, consumption and waste management.

A key milestone outlined in the food policy is to establish a Kerr Tar regional food council with the purpose of guiding its implementation in the community. We are looking for transformative leaders who are interested in addressing the shared regional challenges and opportunities in our food system.

Food Council Member Responsibilities

1. Work to implement the priorities outlined in the region's food policy and identify potential areas for food system investment.
2. Guide the regional food assessment process and establish goals for its findings
 - a. Devise plans of action based on gaps identified in the regions food system
3. Facilitate greater communication and collaboration among food systems stakeholders across the region
4. Represent the Kerr-Tar regional food council externally and educate regional audiences about food systems opportunities and needs in the region.
5. Periodically make recommendations for revision to the regional food policy
6. Develop collaborative solutions to community problems and be open to diverse ideas and opinions

Candidate Criteria

We seek candidates who meet the following criteria:

- Committed to improving the Kerr-Tar regional food system
- Live or work in the Kerr-Tar region
- Represent:
 - A food system sector. Examples include production, processing, distribution, consumption, waste management, and food assistance organization.

- A relevant partner organization or agency. Examples include government agencies, non-profit organizations, health or educational organizations.
 - The demographic diversity of region.
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Background Information

Name:

Email:

Phone:

County/Zip Code:

Gender:

Age Range: 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71+

Race/ Ethnicity:

Occupation/ Role in the Food System:

Food Council Interest Questions

1. We believe the Regional Food Council's success is heavily influenced by the diversity of its members regarding perspective, identity, role in the food system, etc. How do you believe that you can contribute to the diversity of the council and what unique perspective do you bring?

2. What are your motivations for joining the Regional Food Council?

3. How do you imagine this Food Council making an impact in the community? What are your hopes for its accomplishments?

4. What areas of the food system are you most interested in working on? Check all that apply.
 - Food Access
 - Production
 - Consumption
 - Processing
 - Distribution
 - Waste Recycling

5. Is there any additional information that you like us to consider as we review your application?