

VIHA – CFAI Categories

A. CFAI - Developing a Community Capacity Plan

Types of Projects: Some examples of building community capacity for this initiative include (but is not limited to); enabling public participation, increasing collaboration and knowledge about community food security, understanding and working with the community infrastructure, linking with functional organizations. Other specific 'how to' examples include; developing operating principles that are in line with your mission/vision, providing a clear understanding of the groups/coalition/networks role in the community, motivating people to engage in meetings and public forums, setting up committees, forming networks or coalitions, establishing new partnerships, making presentations to your local municipal government or chamber of commerce, writing articles in the local newspaper, interviews on the local radio or TV station.

B. Developing A Community Food Action Plan

Types of Projects: Communities actively involve a range of partners/stakeholders and community leaders (e.g., agriculture, fisheries, local government, economic development, transportation, business and financial community, schools, sports and recreation, churches, cultural representatives). Lead coalitions, networks or organizations that require support for the development of a community food action plan may consider conducting a visioning process, assets/needs assessment, environmental scan, identifying goals, objectives, strategies and a comprehensive evaluation as part of an achievable food security plan for sustainability.

C. Implementation of A Community Food Action Plan

Note: This category requires you to submit your completed comprehensive CFAI Plan with your application.

Types of Projects: Where communities have a well-developed comprehensive CFAI plan and are seeking support to implement it. Examples could include creation of local markets, gleaning projects, integration and communication activities, local food security policy development, and enhancing inter-sectoral policy alignment.

D. Early Identification and Implementation of a Better Practice Approach

Types of Projects: Groups/organizations can apply to implement **better practice approaches** (e.g., Community Supported Agriculture models (CSA's)) that will be part of an integrated plan. Groups and organizations will need to demonstrate why their initiative is an example of a best practice approach. Continuation of these approaches would be dependent upon their being incorporated into a sustainable food secure strategy for their community, or Region.