

Policy Worksheet

Topic Area: Community Economic Development

Example 1: Incentivize local food purchase by restaurants by reimbursing them for locally produced food items in their menus.

Example 2: Create a Commission on Tourism to increase local revenues.

Example 3: Increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour and tie it to inflation for annual increases.

Topic Area: Agriculture / Food Systems / Community Horticulture

Example 1: 10% of food consumed in the city must be locally produced

Example 2: Create a community gardening program for residents to have garden plots.

Example 3: Allow food produced on residential lots and parking strips to be sold commercially or donated to food banks.

Topic Area: Natural Resources

Example 1: Establish an urban forestry plan for the city.

Example 2: Protect water quality through establishing community based storm water management programs.

Example 3: Limiting potable water use for human and pet consumption and prioritizing grey water use for other uses.

Topic Area: Youth and Families / 4-H

Example 1: Require all youth serving organizations to utilize components of positive youth development in their programming supported by city funding.

Example 2: Establishing a workforce-training program related to local economic development opportunities within juvenile detention or diversion facilities.

Example 3: develop a 10-year plan to eliminate youth homelessness in the city.

Proposed Policy:

Policy Checklist	Apply the Checklist to a Policy Idea
Is this policy legally feasible? -How do you know? -How might you find out?	
Is this policy financially feasible? - Does it take advantage of existing funding streams? - What funding mechanisms would be utilized? - Does it generate revenue? - Is it low-cost or no cost? -How might you improve the financial feasibility?	
Is the implementation clear and feasible? - What are potential barriers to implementation? - Is there language that you could include in the policy to make the implementation process clear and feasible? - Are there stakeholders who could help you improve feasibility before the policy is considered and adopted?	
Is the policy data and community driven? - What data or research makes the case for this policy approach? - If you do not have access to local data or research, how might you obtain the data? - Is the policy responsive to a community need?	

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Is the policy part of a larger plan?	
What unintended consequences might be created by this policy?	
Can the issue be resolved without policy change?	
What might be other criteria you apply?	

Policy Checklist	Apply the Checklist to a Policy Idea
Is the policy politically feasible? - Is the policy language clear? - Does the policy solve the issue you want to address? - Is the community ready and desiring the policy? - Who will champion the policy? - Will there be opposition? From whom?	