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Item #18: Receive Year-Two Update for the Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program and Board Policy B-75 and Receive an Update on the Countywide Food Contract (Districts: All)

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Board Policy B-75 Overview

Focuses on Program requirements for County administered food service operations. These include:



Develop, maintain, and progress towards action plans



County of San Diego Food Service Leadership Committee Meetings



Collecting and sharing annually food and beverage purchasing data related to food service operations



Value Categories:

1. Local Sourcing
2. Equity-Informed Sourcing
3. Elevated Labor Standards
4. Organic or Regenerative Certification
5. Low-Carbon Intensity
6. Nutritional Co-Benefit



Background – Countywide Food Contract



March 12, 2024 (12) Board of Supervisors Action:

- Authorize a competitive procurement for the Countywide Food Contract incorporating Board Policy B-75.
- Require contracted provider track data and present evidence of successful implementation of Board Policy B-75.
- Report back on the data resulting from contracts before options years.
- Develop an action plan to find, uplift, and cultivate local businesses to serve as providers under the contract in partnership with local stakeholders.



County Food Service Operations

Fiscal Year 2023-24



Health and Human Services Agency

- County Psychiatric Hospital
- Edgemoor Hospital
- A.B. & Jessie Polinsky Children's Center
- San Pasqual Academy
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Food Services Program
- Aging & Independence Services

Public Safety Group

- Probation Department
- Sheriff's Office

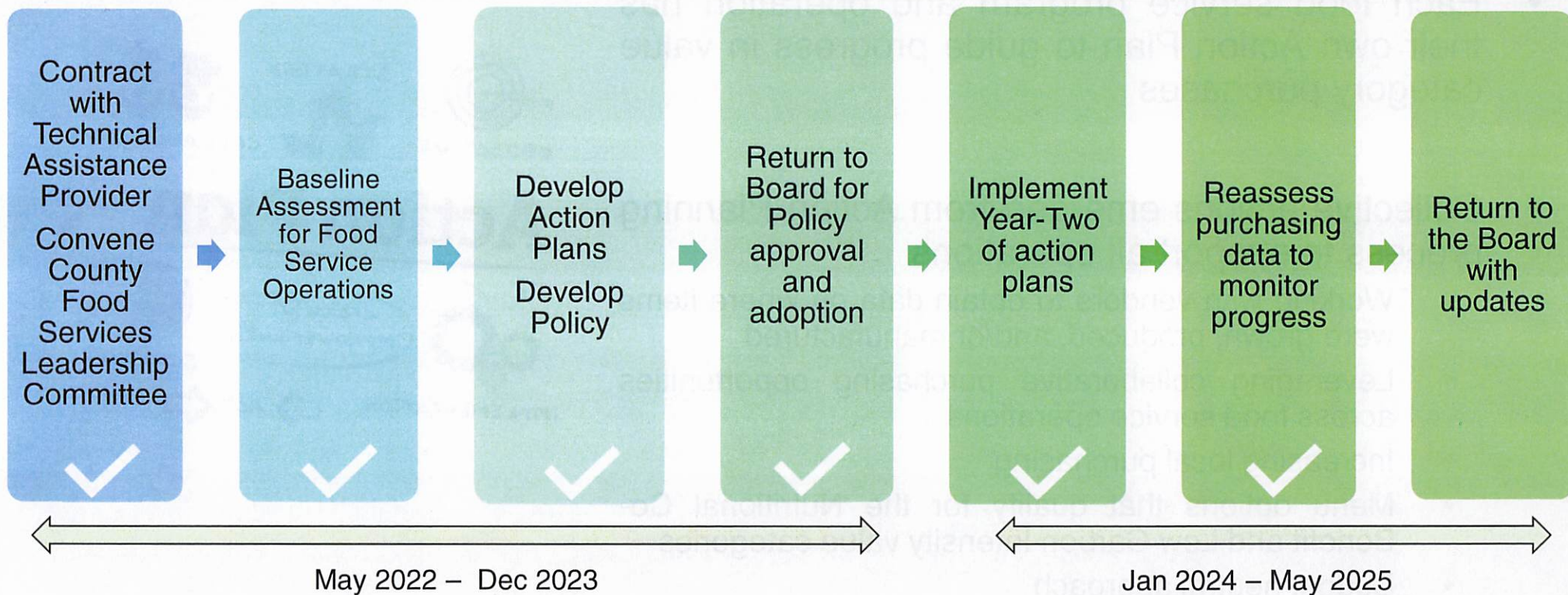
County of San Diego Total

Budget: **\$30,588,740**
Meals Served: **8,043,440**

*Black denotes fixed-site food service operations

*Blue denotes programs that include home-delivered or off-site food service operations

Program and Policy Timeline



Year-Two: Strategic Focus

- Each food service program and operation has their own Action Plan to guide progress in value category purchases
- Collective actions emerged from Action Planning process to support all operations
 - Working with vendors to obtain data on where items were grown, produced, and/or manufactured
 - Leveraging collaborative purchasing opportunities across food service operations
 - Increasing local purchasing
 - Menu options that qualify for the Nutritional Co-Benefit and Low Carbon Intensity value categories
 - Budget neutral approach



Year-Two: Progress and Impacts



County of San Diego Assessment for Food Purchases in FY 21-22 and FY 23-24

Percent of Total Food Spend Qualifying as Local Sourcing



Data Subset: Countywide Food Contract

(Sysco Foods)

- Local Sourcing: Showed an increase compared to baseline with the top of the range increasing from 0.4% to 7.4%



Year-Two: Progress and Impacts



County of San Diego Assessment for Food Purchases in FY 21-22 and FY 23-24

Percent of Total Food Spend Qualifying as Elevated Labor Standards



Data Subset: Countywide Food Contract (Sysco Foods)

- Showed an increase compared to baseline with the top of the range increasing from 33.1% to 40.3%

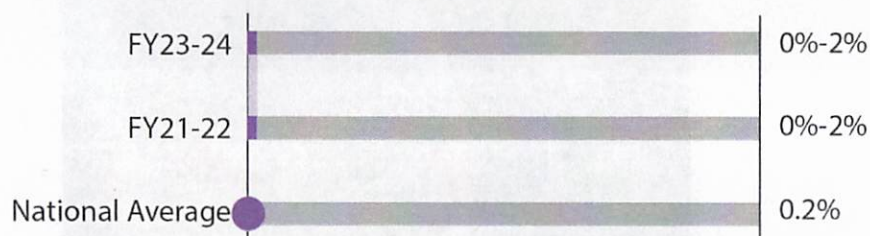


Year-Two: Progress and Impacts



County of San Diego Assessment for Food Purchases in FY21-22 FY 23-24

Percent of Total Food Spend Qualifying
as Equity-Informed Sourcing



**Data Subset: Countywide Food Contract
(Sysco Foods)**

- Top end of the range stayed the same at 1%

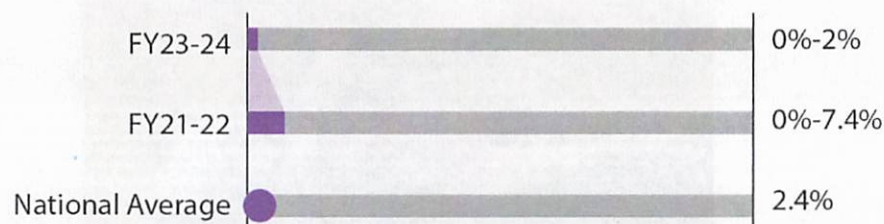


Year-Two: Progress and Impacts



County of San Diego Assessment for Food Purchases in FY21-22 FY 23-24

Percent of Total Food Spend Qualifying as Organic or Regenerative Certification



Data Subset: Countywide Food Contract (Sysco Foods)

- Showed a decrease compared to baseline with the top of the range decreased slightly from 0.4% to 0%

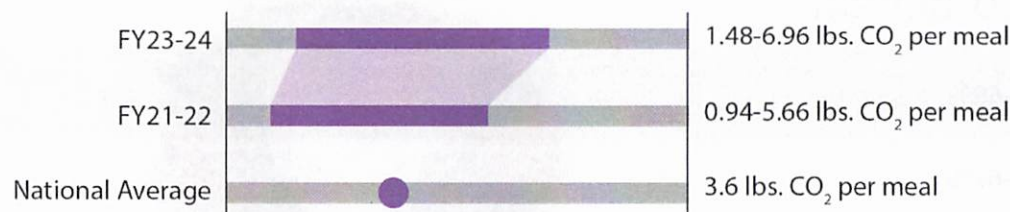


Year-Two: Progress and Impacts



County of San Diego Assessment for Food Purchases in FY 21-22 and FY 23-24

Range of Carbon Emissions Related to
Producing Animal Products, Per Meal Basis



Note: Unlike for the other metrics, the goal for this metric is to see a decrease.

Data Subset: Countywide Food Contract (Sysco Foods)

- The top end of the range decreased from 5.66 pounds of CO₂ per meal to 4.77 pounds of CO₂ per meal representing progress

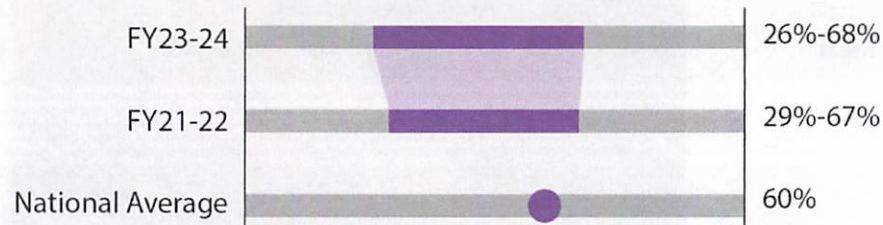


Year-Two: Progress and Impacts



County of San Diego Assessment for Food Purchases in FY 21-22 and FY 23-24

Percent of Total Qualifying Items out of Total Applicable Items, Nutritional Co-Benefit



Data Subset: Countywide Food Contract (Sysco Foods)

- Top of the range decreased slightly, compared to baseline, from 64% to 59%

Summary of Progress



Value Categories	County Data – 8 Operations	Data Subset – 2 Operations
Local Sourcing	▲	▲
Elevated Labor Standards	▲	▲
Equity-Informed Sourcing	■	■
Organic or Regenerative Certification	▼	▼
Low-Carbon Intensity	▼	▲
Nutritional Co-Benefit	▲	▼



- ▲ Improved from baseline
- Maintained baseline
- ▼ Did not improve from baseline

Countywide Food Contract



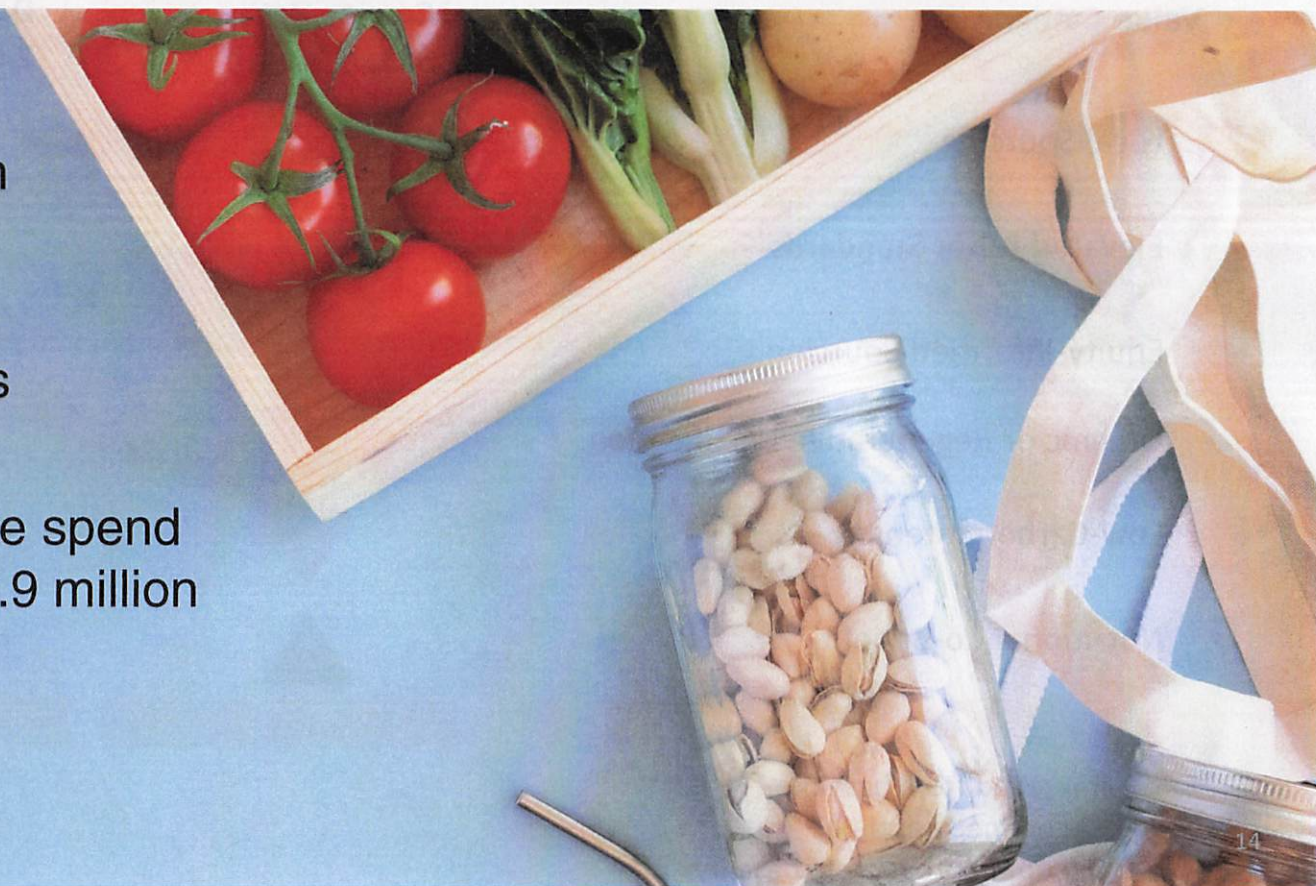
Contract awarded in
August 2024



County-wide Access



Contract year to date spend
of approximately \$7.9 million



Stakeholder Engagement Strategy



Harvesting the Local Flavor: the County's Sustainable, Equitable and Local Food Sourcing Policy

The County of San Diego follows a set of guidelines to buy food in a way that is good for the environment, is healthy, and comes from local businesses. We have a contract with Sysco to buy food that we need often and in big amounts. We are looking to buy more food items from local businesses in the San Diego area.



Sysco
At the heart of food and service



American Legal Publishing

Interest Form

If you are a local farmer, local food supplier, or local food service operator and interested in doing business with the County and Sysco, complete this interest form

Sysco Contract - 572082

This is also downloadable from our contract search website: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdcp/purchasing/documents/ntum-contract-search.html>

B-75 Policy

The purpose of this policy is to support a sustainable, equitable and local food system through County of San Diego food service programs and operations by directing public funds to food and beverage purchases that align with Board of Supervisor identified value categories



Supplier Interest Form

Launched December 2024 to simplify the vendor entry process and reduce barriers to participation

Stakeholder Meetings

Regular engagement with stakeholder groups to gather input and share information about opportunities

Local Food System Partnership

Collaboration with San Diego-based food hub to increase availability of locally sourced products

Action Plan



Improve vendor data collection & reporting

Develop & launch Supplier Directory

Expand stakeholder engagement & technical assistance

Promote utilization of special order & Harvest of the Month programs

Enhance community engagement and visibility

Ensure compliance with Board Policy B-75 across Countywide Food Contract

Program Implementation Next Steps



Completed Actions



Program established: Baseline assessments complete, Action Plans have been developed, Policy developed and adopted



Action plans implemented and progress monitored through assessments

Ongoing Activities



Food Service Leadership Committee Meetings



Outreach to local food suppliers



Technical Support



Collect purchasing data annually



Recommendations



1. Receive an update on year-two of implementation with progress and impacts for the Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program and Board Policy B-75.
2. Receive an update on the Countywide Food Contract.
3. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support the Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program.

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