

## CIN Report to GFSI and CIN Advisory Committee Activities for October 2021



### ESIC

#### CIN Regional Plan

The next deliverable for the CIN is to present to ESIC a Regional Plan that advances poverty reduction priorities determined to be within our sphere of influence, by November 30<sup>th</sup>, including the following:

- Make investments through a new social innovation fund to increase the capacity and sustainability of social enterprises in NB
- Improve access to mental health and addictions services and reduce wait times
- Develop and implement regional transportation plans to increase accessibility, affordability, and availability of transportation services
- Work with partners to provide inclusive opportunities for sport, recreation, and leisure activities for low income NB'ers
- Support children and youth by ensuring there are school programs in all NB schools

Community Engagement strategy for Regional Plan development will include the following activities:

1. Consulted with CIN Advisory Committee on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, seeking advice on identifying community partners and projects that will advance the aims of OPT3. (In Progress)
2. Capture recommendations for service support for the most vulnerable that will now be incorporated into the National Housing Day event on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9am-3:30pm at the Crowne Plaza.
3. Complete work with Silvermark on assessing the viability of a volunteer drive network operation in Fredericton, Oromocto, and New Maryland. Final report presentation is scheduled for Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.
4. Conduct small group discussions and individual interviews in order to identify community priorities and projects related to the ESIC priorities.

CIN 6 Month Report: due November 30<sup>th</sup>

2 month installment of \$11,275 received

Participated in ESIC basic training on Financial Governance provided by Bringloe Fenney

## CIN Initiatives: Key Updates

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Submitted quarterly report for Market Greens project to Community Food Centers Canada. Received next installment of project funding.

Market operations continue despite changes to COVID protocols. Operating under new policy that members must provide proof of vaccination to enter the library building or they can request curbside pick-up with e-transfers.



Exploring opportunity to apply for Good Food Access Grant available through Community Food Centers Canada for funds for emergency food responses. These funds provided by Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada will become available in January and must be exhausted by March 15<sup>th</sup>.



Involved in planning for the last round of meetings for the **Who's Who in the School Food Zoo** project which will be incorporated in the Food for All NB bi-annual conference called Loud About Food on November 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>.

This event will also be used to educate attendees about the work of the Coalition for Healthy School Foods, followed by an additional session to explore the benefits of creating a NB Chapter of the Coalition. Given the movement on the part of the federal government to invest in a national school food program, it would be beneficial to have some organizing mechanism around which relevant stakeholders in the province could convene and strategize.

Developing an application for \$50k to CFCC Good Food Access Fund to fund school food programs experiencing increases in demand due to COVID pandemic.



Organized a gleaning event at Sandow Orchards in Keswick Ridge. 43 registrants volunteered to pick apples on Saturday Oct 23, half of which they could keep and half of which were donated to Greener Village. A total of 1,340 lbs of apples were donated and have since been distributed in food boxes or processed into individual servings of apple sauce.

### **Regional Transportation Plan:**

Silvermark has been asked to provide the full project report to the CIN Advisory Committee in early Nov.

### **Community Projects**

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**Regional Resiliency Team:** Meeting planned for Nov. to identify new project leads for the Fredericton Region, in advance of the province allocating \$50k for recommended projects that advance resiliency locally.

**Food For All NB Conference: Loud About Food:** Participating on the planning committee for the upcoming provincial conference ( virtual)

**Fredericton Local Immigration Project:** Steps to be taken to validate early survey findings.

**Bulk Food Procurement Pilot Project:** Launched the procurment pilot the beginning of October. Now on hold due to school closures.

### **Workshops, Training, Networks**

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Tamarack Annual Conference for Communities Eliminating Poverty: Reconnect Oct 5-7

Food Policy Network webinar: Centering Community Voices in Toronot's Food Security Response

Coalition of Healthy School Foods webinar: School Food programs in Denmark

ESIC, CIN and Volunteer Drive Operations Managers monthly calls

NB South Tranportation Meeting of Volunteer Drive managers

National Coalition for Healthy School Food Steering Committee, monthly meeting

Patricipated in annual March for MMIWG Oct 4th