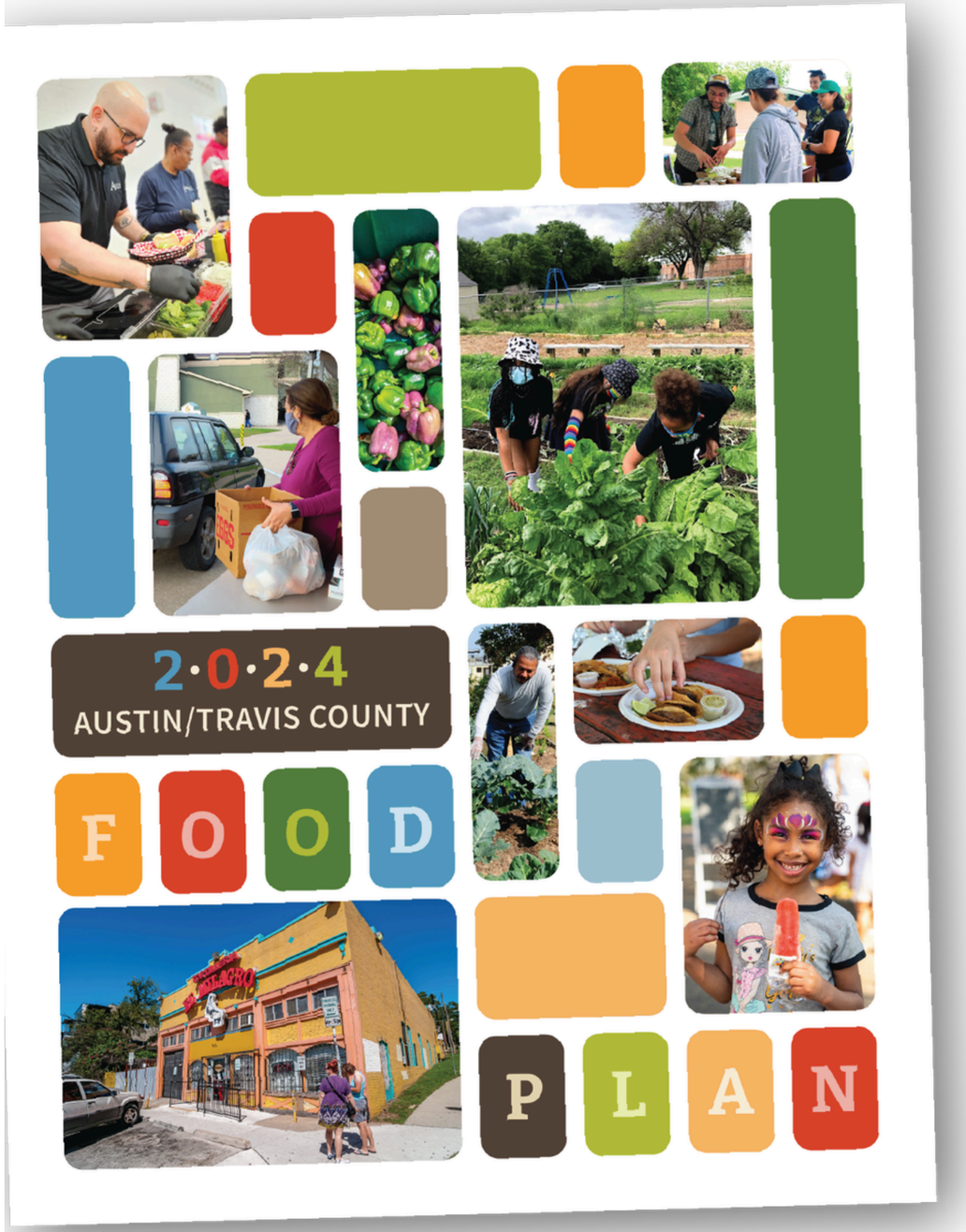
AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY FOOD PLAN COLLABORATIVE

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Why This Work, Why Now

- The **2024 Austin/Travis County Food Plan** set the vision shaped by 3,500+ community voices and cross-sector leadership.
- The Collaborative exists to turn the Food Plan from vision into action.
- Built so the people most affected by food insecurity help lead the work, not just inform it.



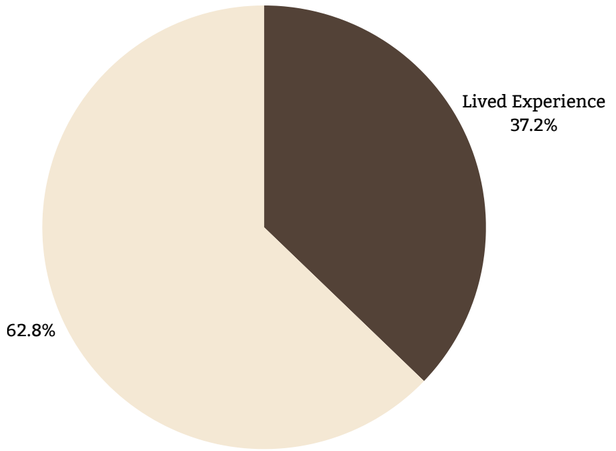


What We're Building: The Food Plan Collaborative

- A cross-sector network for **coordination**, **accountability**, and **long-term food system change.**
- Quarterly Collaborative meetings, open to anyone
- Five working groups carry the work between meetings:
  - Grow Local Food
  - Buy & Serve Better Food
  - Support Food Workers
  - Get Food to People
  - Rescue and Reuse Food

Who’s at the Table (2026 by the Numbers)

- **220** total community members engaged
- **121** active participants, over 1/3 with lived experience
- Representation across every food system area, with Health & Food Access the largest share (about a third)





What's Ahead for the Collaborative

- Drafting a Collaborative Charter: purpose, membership, decision-making, evaluation
- Building shared ways to track progress on Food Plan strategies
- Pursuing funding for resident-led leadership, so people with lived experience of food insecurity can step into and stay in leadership roles

How You Can Help Move the Food Plan Forward

1) Get involved, and bring others with you
- Join a working group or a quarterly Collaborative meeting.
- Connect us with people in your networks who work in or are affected by the food system, especially people with lived experience.

2) Partner with the Food Policy Board to bring food and health issues to policymakers.



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