



## ***Informational Webinar***

*“Overview of the Application for Co-Chairs for the Community Ownership, Empowerment, & Prosperity Action Team (COEP)”*

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1:30-2:30PM**

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### **QUESTIONS ASKED & ANSWERED DURING THE WEBINAR:**

- 1.) Will folks who are selected to be a part of the pilot/co-chairs have a way to stay involved in a substantial way with CFN beyond the pilot?
- 2.) Can you apply for both the co-chair and the action team?
- 3.) What is the difference in the role between the Co-Chairs and the Action Team members? Are the Co-Chairs mainly organizing logistics and facilitating the process, or are they expected to have subject matter expertise and generate ideas, or both?
- 4.) Must the Co-Chairs be affiliated with an organization? Can an independent consultant who has worked in food justice in the Chesapeake Bay and cares, apply?
- 5.) So are the co-chairs not actively participating in the strategic planning as participants who are generating ideas for goals, etc.?
- 6.) The application asks for us to describe our support staff. Could you please tell us more about what roles you think support staff would be playing?
- 7.) As an initiative looking to attract applicants from traditionally overlooked groups who also have a level of demonstrated leadership capacity, what thought has been put toward the goals of the effort in a climate where there is inherent inequality in professionalized sectors of food systems work?

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## QUESTIONS ANSWERED POST-WEBINAR:

1. Q: Perhaps, I missed this but I saw the focus on 501(c)3, individuals, etc. applying are local, state or federal government folks eligible as well?
  - A: Government entities are not eligible to apply. We would expect they would have an important perspective though that would be captured through the stakeholder engagement process and incorporated in the development of final products.
2. Q: I didn't see "equity for the farmer" listed. Is delving into farming as a challenge assumed to be included with the program?
  - A: We don't want to be prescriptive. The Action Team will uncover what is important to the community in the process. We would imagine that would be important given the current conditions and history of farmers of color in US society.
3. Q: What will the role of the CFN be in the process?
  - A: The CFN will support the Action Team by supporting facilitation and convening as necessary, and amplifying and documenting the work of the Action Team. Select CFN Steering Team members (made up of 22 people from across the region) will join an advisory group that will help select the co-chairs and will serve as a sounding board and resource to the Action Team.