

# FY16 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

**Agency:** Environmental Protection Agency

**Programs with PZ Benefits:**

Local Foods, Local Places

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**Website:** <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places>

**Benefit Type:** Technical Assistance program

**Eligible Communities:** We encourage applications from communities that are economically challenged and in the early phases of their efforts to promote local foods and community revitalization. Special consideration will be given to communities in federally designated Promise Zones or USDA StrikeForce counties.

**Eligible Applicants:** Representatives of communities (including neighborhoods or main street districts) anywhere in the United States are eligible to apply.

**Application Notice:** Not currently accepting applications

**Benefits to Promise Zone:** Priority Consideration

**Goal:** Local Foods, Local Places aims to improve economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses; give residents better access to healthy, local food; and spur revitalization of main streets, downtowns, or neighborhoods.

**Program Description:** Local Foods, Local Places will provide direct technical support to selected communities. A team of experts will help community members develop action plans that use local foods to support healthy families and communities and to drive downtown and neighborhood revitalization. The assistance process features a community workshop that brings people together to develop shared goals and steps to achieve them.

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