

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Grantor: Illinois Department of Agriculture

Amount: \$1,255,143.29

Period: September 25, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Type: Competitive

Matching Funds: \$1,255,143.29

Lead Staff: Ali O'Brien, Vice President of Community & Workforce Partnerships

Purpose: Funds will support middle of the food chain infrastructure for the Urban Farm Center including processing, storage, aggregation spaces and equipment. Construction including the commercial kitchen and multi-purpose classroom and subsequent equipment for both rooms will also be supported through this grant.

Recommendation: Accept the Illinois Department of Agriculture Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$1,255,143.29.