

Food Hub Receives \$1M in ARPA Funds for Union Station



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Last Friday, the [Worcester Regional Food Hub](#) celebrated an important milestone with the announcement of a \$1 million award from the City of Worcester's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the renovation of the lower level of Union Station for the Food Hub's new headquarters. Congressman Jim McGovern, Mayor Joe Petty, and City Manager Ed Augustus, spoke at this public announcement, which was covered by the [Worcester T&G](#), the [Worcester Business Journal](#), and [Spectrum News](#), and discussed how this investment of ARPA funds would enable the Food Hub to expand and thereby support more local farms, institutions, and diverse food entrepreneurs in the region. The Food Hub's new Union Station headquarters will have six kitchens, expanded storage space, and event/classroom space.

Tim Murray, President and CEO of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, shared the history of the Food Hub and explained the importance of relocating the Food Hub to the centrally located intermodal transportation hub of Union Station. Food Hub Director Shon Rainford spoke about the Food Hub's role in creating opportunities throughout the region, and he highlighted many of the small businesses which have been incubated by the Food Hub, including some which have graduated to their own brick and mortar locations.

The Food Hub is one of the Foundation's Round 4 Synergy Initiative projects. Since 2015, the Foundation has provided the Food Hub with nearly \$3 million in grant funding to date.

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