

# Provincial food security efforts through Fraser Health

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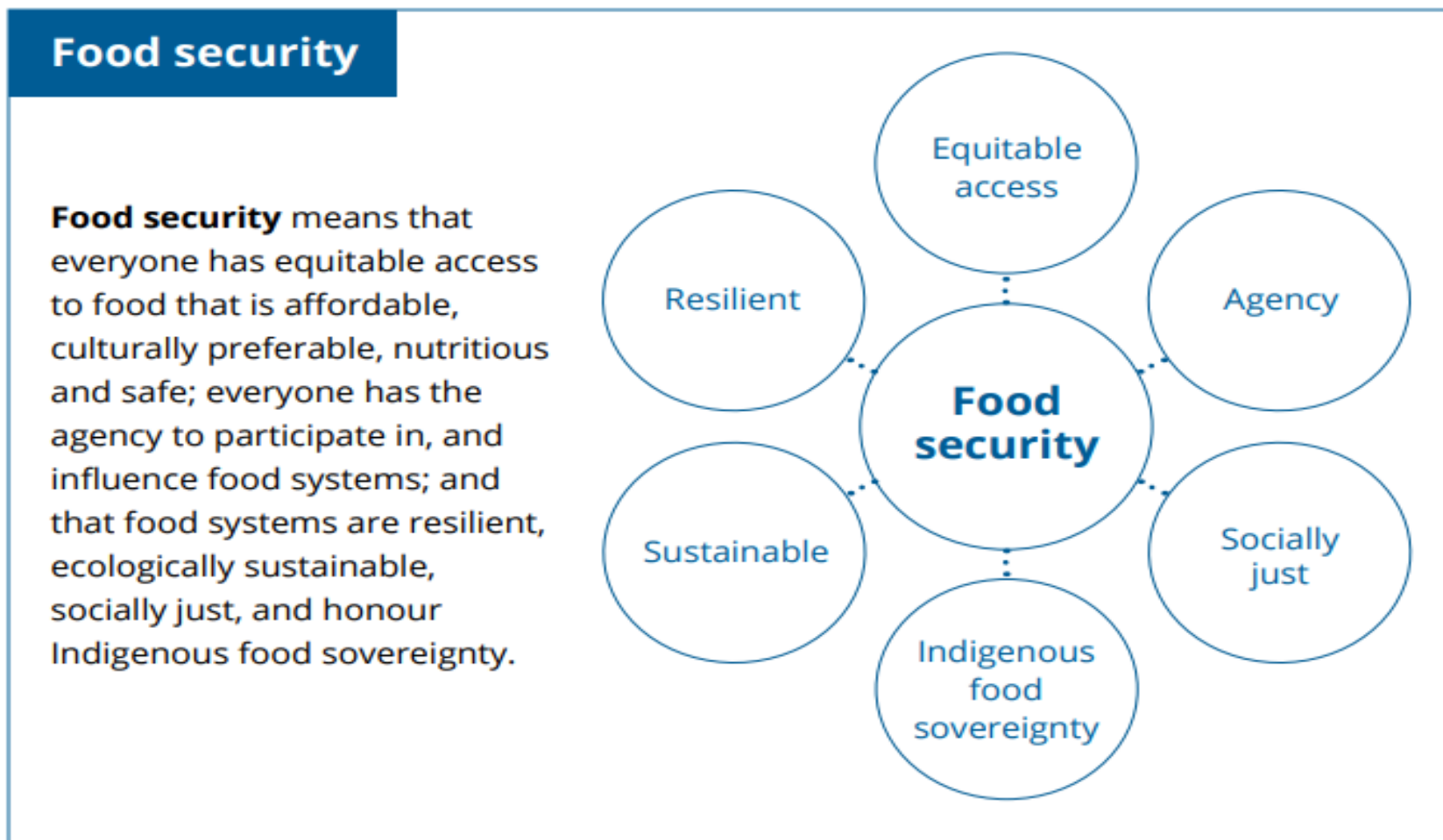
# Territorial Acknowledgement



# Objectives

- To inform that the provincial government is one of the key partners in the food system
- To inform how the province supports local food security initiatives

# Food Security



# Food Security Initiatives

- Community Food Action Initiative (CFAI)
  - Provide community grants to address food security across BC
  - Fraser Health Authority disseminates the provincial funds to grant recipients
  - 2022/2023 funding cycle: 10 grants in 11 communities

# How is Population and Public Health involved with the CFAI initiative?

- Community Health Specialists and Public Health Dietitians participate at Healthier Community Partnerships and community food security tables
- Provide planning, leadership and advocacy support at the community level
- Guide activities at the community level to address food security
- Monitor activities through collecting food security data

# CFAI Grantee: Archway Community Services

- Archway Food Justice Committee's Participatory Action Research related to Food Security in Abbotsford
- Research's objective: To assess food security among people with lived and living experience of food insecurity in Abbotsford, BC

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- To develop an approach and gain insight on food security challenges among:
  - People with lived and living experience of food insecurity
  - People accessing low and or no cost food options in Abbotsford
- Method: Conduct focus group discussions and survey questionnaires to collect information (63 focus group participants)
- CFAI grant covers:
  - Focus group honourariums
  - Cost to attend focus groups (transportation, childcare etc.)



# Provincial Work to Date

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- [BC Food Costing Report 2022](#) (May 2023)
  - Food cost and impacts of climate change in remote, Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities (to be published)
- [Household Food Insecurity Report](#) (October 2023)
  - Analysis of household food security in BC, an update to the 2016 report
- [Food Insecurity: Examining the Societal Consequences of the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) (January 2024)



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