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People's Cooperative Market to host a community transparency session.

Are you interested in learning more about People's Cooperative Market's (PCM) mission values and goals for the food system? Have you been unclear about how PCM operates? Do you have stories to share about the impact on the community? Do you have questions about PCM's recent accomplishments? We invite you to join us for a listening session and Q&A at First United Church, located at 2420 E 3rd Street. The session will occur on Sunday, May 26th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Questions for the session can be submitted in advance to peoplesmarketmanager@gmail.com. A recording will be made publicly available on the People's Cooperative Market website, peoplesmarketbtown.org.

Since 2020, PCM has secured local, state, and federal funding to provide access to free, nutrient-rich, local food for populations marginalized by systemic racism. We expect that our vendors, volunteers, and committee members abide by our working agreements that are rooted in intersectional anti-racism, including restorative justice.

Due to the unpaid efforts of Black Women, PCM has raised over \$965,000 in grant funds since its inception in 2019, including grants from Farm Aid, Bloomingfoods Round-Up, and Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County. We have distributed more than 5,950 bags of local produce, meat, bread, eggs, and dairy to people requesting food support. More than 40 local businesses, most people of color and/or queer owned, have sold products at our weekly market. All of our work is made possible by volunteer labor.

People's Cooperative Market Management Team

We envision a market community driven by a set of values that reflect the highest aspirations for equitable inclusiveness in significant and meaningful ways. Cultivating a sense of belonging for all who share these values is a main objective. We strive to work towards intersectional anti-racism, create space for food justice work, create meaningful collaborations, build equity, cultivate liberation, and ensure access to local food, art, and education.