Projects advancing to Stage 2

**Raw Food Rescue** is a logistics management public-private partnership devoted to rescuing and repurposing raw food resources within the DC area. Our services include sourcing from the commercial sector, partnering with non-governmental organizations for transportation needs, and connecting the dots for end-user consumers. By leveraging the power of public-private partnerships we will be able to create jobs in local communities, with target groups including veterans, returning citizens, elderly, and disabled individuals. By diverting raw food waste from landfills, we reduce harmful methane emissions. Our services help DC reach its zero food waste goal and address global climate change.

**Lettuce Move**
How can you achieve source reduction in produce waste from residences, reduce produce wastage in the commercial sector, and address some of the health and equity issues that arise from the District of Columbia’s food deserts? Are food deserts and produce waste linked by issues of accessibility? Could you partner with supermarkets in the District to collect excess produce and take it via a mobile produce van into the food deserts, providing produce access where previously there was none? Lettuce Move seeks to ask and answer these questions, by forming beneficial partnerships between the District and local supermarkets to bring produce closer to where it is needed.

**The Washington ComPost**
The Washington ComPost is a peer education initiative, centered on bringing food waste diversion to DC-area colleges and universities’ on-campus populations. The project began as a pilot program in one of GW’s residence halls in the spring of 2015. The pilot’s goal was to inform students on how composting works and see if such infrastructure was realistic for long-term implementation. The pilot was very successful and the project is the expansion of that system. Through private sponsorship and city government investment, we hope to expand existing student composting efforts and in working with inter-campus partnerships, move to a sector-wide scale-up. The program reflects Sustainable DC’s goal of an 80% diversion rate by 2032. By raising awareness of the benefits of composting, we strive to promote social equity and civic responsibility throughout DC.

**HealthyDiversion**
HealthyDiversion uses an artificial intelligence (AI) system to provide users with a) an overall health assessment; b) a personalized nutrition plan; and c) a strategic push notification system to reduce food waste while saving money. HealthyDiversion’s services create for users a personalized action plan to effectively assist with weight management and reduce food waste, through strategic push notifications, thus saving money and the environment.