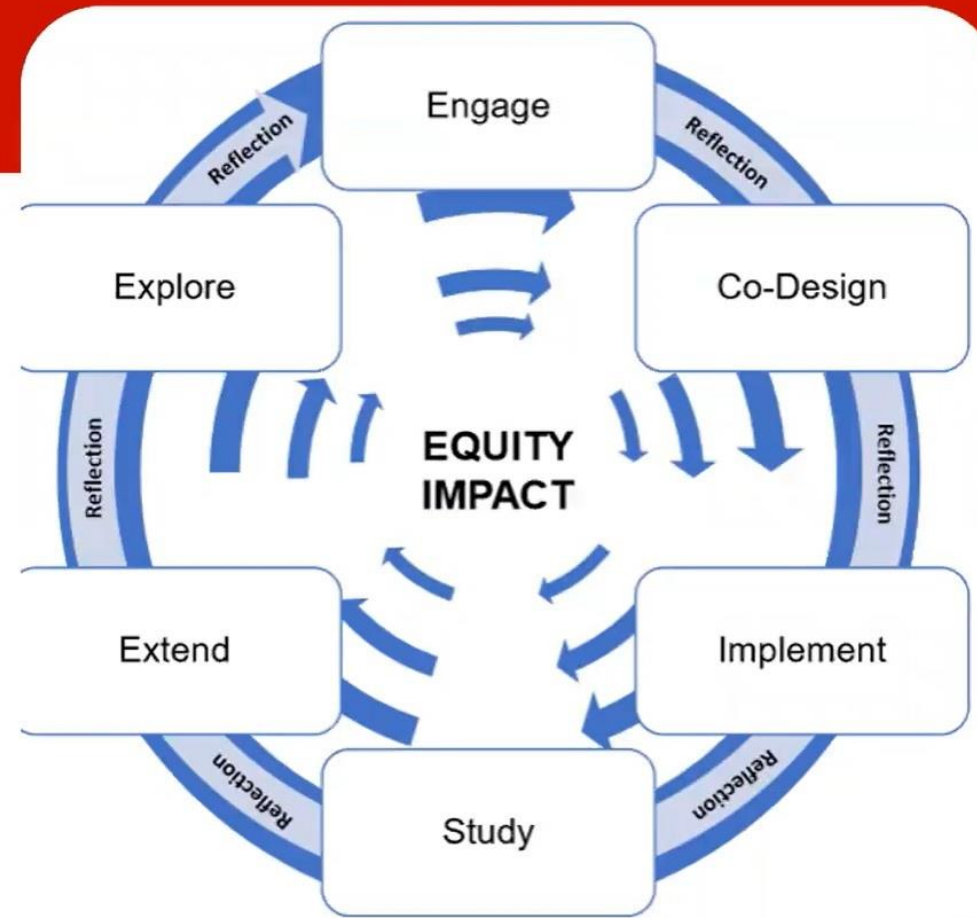


Expanding on the Student Backpack Program to Combat Student Hunger in San Antonio, Texas

- Food insecurity rates continue to increase in Texas.
- According to Feeding America, **approximately one in six children** were reported to experience food insecurity in the U.S.
- Expanding the **school backpack program** to allow more schools to participate can decrease food insecurity rates in students
 - ENGAGE- Dialogue with Local Food Bank in San Antonio
 - CO-Design- Researching current programs
 - Implement- Expansion of the school backpack program
 - Study- Advocacy



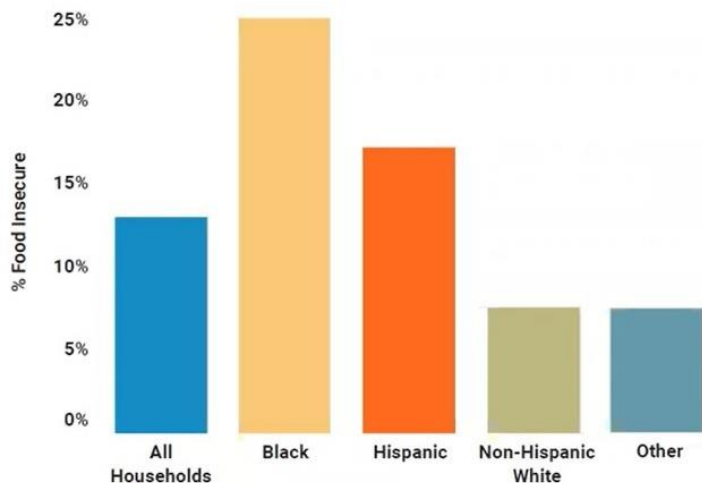
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Percentage of Households in Texas Food Insecure, by Race/Ethnicity of Household Head

Source: FRAC Analysis of Current Population Survey, 2017-2019



Advocating for additional funding to support this program in the 88th Texas legislative session will be a key component of allowing for more schools to participate.



Tour & Meeting with CEO of San Antonio Food Bank, Eric Cooper Sept. 2021



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