



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

**Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)**

Department Name: Board of Supervisors
Department No.: 011
Agenda Date: November 18, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Board Member(s): Board of Supervisors, Second District Office
Contact: Eleanor Gartner, egartner@countyofsb.org
SUBJECT: **Contribution of \$5,000 to the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Choose an item.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize a contribution of \$5,000 for the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County funded by the Second District's 990 funding allocation in General County Programs General Fund; and
- b) Find that the above program is necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County; and
- c) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

Upon the adoption of the County's 2025-2026 Annual Budget, each Supervisorial District Office was allocated discretionary funding to direct to projects and/or programs in the County in need of funding that meet the social needs of the community. These funding requests are to come back to the full Board of Supervisors on the Administrative Agenda for Board approval.

This action will authorize funding of a \$5,000 contribution from the Second District Office to the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County (the Foodbank) to continue providing services to our County’s most vulnerable.

Discussion:

This recommendation is to approve and authorize a \$5,000 contribution from the Second District Office’s 990 funding allocation to the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County.

Background:

Since 1987, the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County has served as a cornerstone in addressing hunger and improving food security for children, families, and seniors throughout our region. The organization distributes over 12 million pounds of food annually and works with more than 200 community partners and programs to build food security and resilience across the community. Currently, the Foodbank supports one in three Santa Barbara County residents, reflecting both the scale of their reach and the depth of local need.

Support for the Foodbank is urgent:

- Santa Barbara County now has the highest poverty rate in California, with nearly 18% of residents living below the poverty line.
- Due to the federal government shutdown, monthly federal SNAP/CalFresh benefits have been significantly reduced and delayed, leaving many families uncertain about how to meet their most basic nutritional needs.

Over 55,000 County residents depend on these federal benefits and the Foodbank is responding to this crisis by bridging the gap. To meet the increased demand for emergency food distributions and maintain nutritional quality of the food provided, this donation will bolster the Foodbank’s resources at this urgent moment.

At this critical juncture, the Foodbank’s services help offset the local impacts of the federal SNAP/CalFresh suspension. This contribution will ensure that families, children, and seniors across Santa Barbara County continue to have reliable access to healthy, nourishing food during this period of federal uncertainty.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY [25-26]	FY [fiscal year 2]	FY [fiscal year 3]	Total
General Fund	\$5,000.00			
State				
Federal				
Fees				
[Other Source]				
Total				

Narrative: The \$5,000 will come from the Second District’s FY 2025-26 discretionary spending allocation.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the minute order to Angelica Ramirez.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Foodbank of Santa Barbara County Funding Application

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