

Attachment A – Foodbank of Santa Barbara County Funding
Application

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Funding Application for 2025-26 Fiscal Year

1. Name and address of Organization:
Foodbank of Santa Barbara County
82 Coromar Drive, Goleta, CA 93117
2. Total Request (\$): 5,000.00
3. Agency is a 501(c) 3?
Yes
4. Regular business of the agency:

The mission of Foodbank of Santa Barbara County is to end hunger and transform the health of Santa Barbara County through good nutrition. We have served as the nexus of the regional food system, charity network, and government for 43 years, working to end hunger and improve health in Santa Barbara County.

Our innovative “Hunger into Health” model values food as a celebration of health, culture, and community. We employ our ‘FEED’ approach—Food, Education, Empowerment, and Disaster Resilience—pairing nutritious food distribution with essential services to create sustainable pathways to well-being and long-term nutritional security.

Through more than 200 active partners and program sites across the county, we distribute more than 9 million pounds of vital, nutritious food assistance to more than 190,000 neighbors annually. Our direct-to-client programs are designed to reduce barriers to access, with our Mobile Food Pantries and Mobile Farmers Markets rotating through neighborhoods. Beyond food distribution, we provide nutrition education programs tailored to various ages, languages, and life stages.

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7. Years Agency has been in operation:

43 Years

8. Other funding secured for this activity:

Following the completion of FY2026 Quarter 1 (YTD Actuals @ 9/20/25), we have secured the following funding:

Unrestricted Contributions - \$2,303,261

Foundations – \$268,523

Earned Revenues – \$90,387

Special Events - \$42,500

9. Identify which target population will ultimately benefit from your strengthened organization: (i.e., elderly, disabled, HIV/AIDS, homeless, children, youth, low income):

The State of California reports that a household of four is considered low income if they earn \$141,200 or less annually, yet the county's median income for a family of four is just \$119,100. Every household size in Santa Barbara County falls within the low-income threshold. Furthermore, United Ways of California's Real Cost Measure reports that 40% of households in the county are struggling financially, including 64% of those with young children and 52% of households in the City of Santa Maria. Nearly 80% of female-headed households fall below the Real Cost Measure threshold for meeting their basic needs. It is no surprise that they comprise 10% of our clients.

Ultimately, low-income residents are the target population that our operations will benefit. Of all neighbors served in a typical year, 40% are children, 10% are older adults, and 10% are female heads of house.

10. Please state the name of the program for which funding is being requested and describe overall goals that you are proposing. Be specific, achievable and measurable:

Program Name: Foodbank of Santa Barbara County General Operations

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for food assistance in our community soared. As we rapidly approach 2026, the need the Foodbank is seeing still remains higher than the pre-pandemic normal. At the same time, federal programs that once provided reliable support are being reduced or suspended, resulting in a more than 3 million annual loss of food and funding for the Foodbank. Upcoming cuts to vital safety net programs such as SNAP and Medicaid could affect over 55,000 local participants, further straining low-income families and older adults and increasing demand for our services. Adding to this instability, we are preparing for potential delays in USDA food commodities. Although orders are placed through December, no new orders can currently be made beyond that point, leaving the possibility of a gap in these essential supplies.

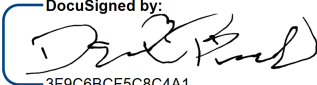
The ongoing federal government shutdown has created yet another layer of economic uncertainty. Hundreds of local residents employed by federal agencies are now working without pay. For many of these families, even a brief interruption in income can mean the difference between stability and crisis. At the same time, the shutdown has paused SNAP benefits as of November 1, cutting off a critical lifeline for thousands of children, parents, and seniors. This simultaneous loss of income and safety-net support is expected to drive a surge in food insecurity, placing extraordinary pressure on the Foodbank to respond quickly and ensure no neighbor goes hungry.

The Foodbank is proud to be an efficient, innovative, and responsive organization committed to ensuring equitable access to nutritious food for our community. Despite rising costs, reduced government support, and increasing demand, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide critical food assistance to all neighbors in need. Through our more than 200 partner agencies and program sites, we will ensure that food reaches deeply into areas of highest need, helping neighbors meet immediate challenges while advancing long-term food security for the future.

In Fiscal Year 2026, we expect to accomplish the following outcomes:

- Serve at least 190,000 unduplicated neighbors, of which we expect 40% will be children and 10% will be older adults;
- Distribute more than 9 million pounds of food including 40% fresh produce;
- Provide 600+ hours of nutrition education through our suite of tailored nutrition education programs to 50,000 unduplicated neighbors;
- Rescue an estimated 2 million pounds of food through our Grocery Rescue program to be redistributed to neighbors.

We certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and is submitted with our Governing Body's full knowledge and endorsement. We also certify that we will use the requested funds as set forth and for the purposes identified in this application if the Board of Supervisors approves this application.

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