



CalFood Program

Fight Hunger in Fresno With An Ongoing \$17.5M for CalFood!

Fresno is the 5th hungriest city in America, despite sitting amidst the San Joaquin Valley's agricultural bounty. **The Community Food Bank in Fresno provides food to more than 200 agencies in Fresno, Madera, Kings, Kern and Tulare Counties and serves over 280,000 people each month.**

Even among households connected to CalFresh, one-third still rely on food banks.¹ **The need is growing due to the climate of fear driving families off of CalFresh, especially in immigrant communities.**

There are serious costs to inaction:

- **hospitalizations spike at the end of the month when food budgets are exhausted,**²
- **hunger related chronic diseases like diabetes & obesity cost California \$37 billion a year.**³

Reduce Hunger Effectively

Funding CalFood at \$17.5M would bring nearly \$500,000 to Community Food Bank & their partners.

As they leverage an incredible 7 meals per \$1, **Community Food Bank could provide some 3.5 million meals** full of fresh produce, eggs, meat and dairy that keep us healthy but are expensive to procure.

Support California Agriculture & Local Economies

CalFood funds must be used for foods grown in California, benefiting our agricultural sector.

CalFood increases economic activity by providing food for families in need who are able to spend precious dollars on non-food items in our communities.

Support an ongoing \$17.5M for CalFood!



¹ USDA Economic Research Service. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/chart-gallery/detail.aspx?chartId=56777&ref=collection>.

² Seligman, et al. <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/33/1/116.abstract>

³ CDPH. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cdcb/Documents/CDPHEconomicBurdenCD2015California.pdf>