



# CalFood Program

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

In Sacramento County, 1 in 6 people, and 1 in 4 children, faces hunger. The Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services provided 15 million meals to help meet this need.<sup>1</sup>

Even among households connected to CalFresh, one-third still rely on food banks.<sup>2</sup> 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,<sup>3</sup>
- hunger related chronic diseases like diabetes & obesity cost California \$37 billion a year.<sup>4</sup>

### Reduce Hunger Effectively

Funding CalFood at \$17.5M would bring some \$525,000 to Sacramento Food Bank & their partners.

As they leverage 4 meals per \$1, Sacramento Food Bank could provide more than 2 million meals full of fresh produce, eggs, meat and dairy that keep us healthy but are expensive to source.

### Support California Agriculture & Local Economies

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

## Support an ongoing \$17.5M for CalFood!



<sup>1</sup> Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. <http://www.sacramentofoodbank.org/hunger-awareness/>.

<sup>2</sup> USDA Economic Research Service. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/chart-gallery/detail.aspx?chartId=56777&ref=collection>.

<sup>3</sup> Seligman, et al. <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/33/1/116.abstract>

<sup>4</sup> CDPH. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cdcb/Documents/CDPHEconomicBurdenCD2015California.pdf>