



## SB 61 (Hertzberg)

# Emergency Food for Families Fund

### The Emergency Food for Families Fund helps end hunger in California

California is home to 5 million – or 1 in 8 – people struggling with food insecurity, including 1 in 4 children. The Statewide food bank network provides a critical resource in addressing this need; among the 41 food banks that operate in every county of the State, they collectively serve 2 million people a year.

The Emergency Food for Families Fund provides critical financial support to these food banks that work every day to end hunger in California. **With the tremendous purchasing power that food banks are able to leverage, they can turn \$1 into 5 meals. In 2016, the \$501,959<sup>1</sup> raised provided the equivalent of 2.5 million meals.**

### The Emergency Food for Families Fund (EFFF) is one of the most long-standing and well-funded Individual Voluntary Contribution Funds:<sup>2</sup>

Initiated in 1998, the EFFF has been on the list of Individual Voluntary Contributions for nearly 20 years. It has consistently been one of the best supported funds by California taxpayers, raising more than \$5 million since its inception.

### WITHOUT ACTION, THE FUND WILL EXPIRE:

- SB 61 will extend the EFFF for 7 years.
- Donations are efficiently driven to the CalFood program through a strong partnership with CDSS.
- **The Fund is the only consistent source of state support for our emergency food network – with no cost to the General Fund.**
- **Funds enable food banks to purchase expensive but vital California produce, protein, and other items that support a healthy population and prevent costly use of public services.**



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/vcfsr/reports/009.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/vcfsr/indvolcon.shtml>