



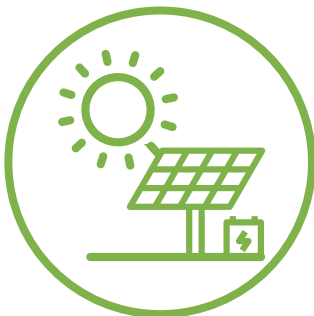
Fight Hunger & Build a Climate-Ready Emergency Food System

## Food Bank Capacity & Climate Resilience: \$180M One-Time

COVID-19 completely changed the reality of emergency food assistance in California, requiring one-time investment with long-term impact

- » In the fall of 2021, CAFB surveyed members to assess their needs coming out of the COVID-19 crisis and in light of prior state investments. The top barriers food banks cited were all related to one-time capacity and climate needs that are necessary and currently unmet by prior State investments.
- » The unmet capacity need has increased because of the unprecedented and sustained increase in demand on food banks since COVID-19. Food banks know hunger will remain high long after the COVID-19 crisis ends: it took a decade after the 2008 downturn for food insecurity to return to pre-Great Recession levels. The extraordinary service during COVID-19 put an enormous strain on the emergency food infrastructure, and revealed significant capacity constraints. The statewide need for one-time improvements for food banks and their local agencies — from warehouse expansions to refrigerated trucks — is approximately \$653 million.
- » At the same time, disasters have become the new normal across the state and immigrants, farmworkers, and low-income Californians are facing disproportionate consequences. Whether natural disasters like fires or earthquakes, or human-made crises like public safety power shutoffs (PSPS), food banks are on the frontlines, and remain long after to keep Californians healthy and well-fed. Food banks report needing back up power generation, storage, clean vehicles, charging stations, and related investments to maintain continuity of operations and prevent food loss during a crisis, totaling \$85.4 million statewide. **Food banks' total capacity and climate resilience needs thus exceed \$738 million.** We are requesting about a quarter of this total.
- » **A \$180 million one-time investment in the 2022-23 Budget is critical to meet these gaps, building the long-term ability of the state's emergency food network to meet community need for food, and to be resilient in a changing climate to make sure food is available when communities need it most.**

\$180M will enable food banks to purchase



Solar power to reduce increased electrical usage to store food



Warehouse expansions



Clean energy vehicles and electric forklifts



The following highlights show that the total need is far greater than our request, and demonstrate the urgency of this \$180 million one-time support for California's 50 food banks and their 5,200 local food distribution partners:

**Second Harvest of Silicon Valley Food Bank: \$150M** to consolidate four warehouses into two facilities to increase efficiency: a high-volume distribution facility to meet increased need, and another to support more volunteers and staff.

**San Diego Food Bank: \$76M** to replace their main facility and the North State Food Bank that require double current capacity, and for vehicles and energy efficient warehouse improvements.

**Los Angeles Regional Food Bank: \$30M** to address capacity needs at the main facility and four satellite locations throughout LA County's Service Planning Areas, and to support capacity needs for agencies as they implement SB 1383.

**Central California Food Bank: \$20M** for a much-needed volunteer center to move out of the heat as well as onsite cold storage, enclose docks, raise the roof to heighten food racks, and electric vehicles, electric infrastructure, and backup generators.

**SF-Marin Food Bank: \$42.7M** for a major facility expansion and consolidation, solar power, and to replace diesel trucks with electric vehicles.

**Alameda County Community Food Bank: \$22.1M** for expanding local college and other pantry partners, solar power, food bank truck fleet, food recovery program infrastructure and SB 1383 implementation, and other equipment.

**Second Harvest of the Greater Valley: \$4.7M** for warehouse needs, solar power, clean air vehicles like refrigerated trucks and electric forklifts, and support for local agency partners.

**Second Harvest Orange County: \$3M** for clean energy vehicles, an exterior wildfire defense system, six tractors and charging stations, a composter, two forklifts, a scissor lift, a narrow aisle reach truck, two light towers for parking safety.

**Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County: \$6M** for building expansion, ERP system, agency refrigeration, vehicles, and generators for the food bank and agencies.

**Food Bank of Santa Barbara: \$13M** for building expansion and solar power.

**Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County: \$30M** for an additional facility to meet program growth and community need.

**Central California Food Bank: \$20M** for building expansion and improvements, agency infrastructure, electric vehicles and infrastructure, backup generators, and additional equipment.

**Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services: \$11M** for solar, refrigerated trucks, conversion of truck fleet and program vehicles to electric, 20 electric vehicles for partner agencies, electric forklifts, pallet jacks, partner agency capacity building.

**Community Action Partnership of Kern: \$4.7M** for expansion in progress including solar, walk-in refrigerator, three dock doors, rest/break rooms, and clean energy trucks and charging stations.

