



STAY INFORMED & CONNECTED

to your resources and partners
in hunger relief.

3 Steps to Success

We hear you! We know staying connected can be complicated in this post-pandemic and busy work world! Think of this as your virtual connection point to get started, stay connected and find your network in the world of hunger relief in your neck of the woods and beyond.

1) CONNECT WITH YOUR
Food Bank

2) PARTICIPATE IN
**State
Programs**

3) GET TO KNOW OTHER
**Hunger Partners
& Resources**

1 Connect with your Food Bank

Connecting with your regional food bank is a great way to stay informed! Reach out directly to your **regional food bank agency representative** to learn more about what resources they can provide specific to your food bank region. Find your food bank below!



CHANNEL ONE
helpingfeedpeople.org

- Sign up for the [newsletter](#).
- Take a look at [newsletter archives](#).
- Take a look at [partner agency resources](#).



GREAT PLAINS
greatplainsfoodbank.org

- Sign up for the [Agency Scoop newsletter](#) at the bottom of the page.
- Access [newsletter archives](#).
- Take a look at [partner agency resources](#).



NORTH COUNTRY

northcountryfoodbank.org

- Sign up for the [newsletter](#) at the bottom of the page.
- Access [newsletter archives](#).



SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

2harvest.org

- Sign up for the [YARN newsletter and access archives](#).
- Access [Partner Portal](#).
- Connect by email at orders@2harvest.org.



SECOND HARVEST NORTHLAND

secondharvestnorthland.org

- Sign up for the [newsletter](#) at the bottom of the page.
- Take a look at [partner agency resources](#).



THE FOOD GROUP

thefoodgroupmn.org

- Sign up for the [newsletter](#).
- Take a look at [partner agency resources](#).
- Connect by email at agency@thefoodgroupmn.org.

2 Participate in State Programs

MN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES,
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DCYF, OEO)

dcyf.mn.gov/



THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

→ Participate in [TEFAP \(The Emergency Food Assistance Program\)](#) that distributes USDA foods through food banks, food shelves, meal programs, shelters, and Tribal Nations in Minnesota. TEFAP providers distribute USDA foods directly to families and individuals.



MINNESOTA FOOD SHELF PROGRAM (MFSP)

→ Participate in [MFSP \(Minnesota Food Shelf Program\)](#) that provides non-competitive grant funding to eligible food shelves and Tribal Nations. Apply annually to Hunger Solutions MN.



OTHER STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

→ Consider applying for other State funded, competitive grant opportunities such as the [Cultural Collaboration Grant](#) or the [Emergency Response Food Shelf Grant](#) administered by Hunger Solutions MN.



SUBSCRIBE TO UPDATES FROM DCYF, OEO

→ Subscribe to [GovDelivery newsletters](#) to stay informed about initiatives, programs, and funding opportunities from DCYF, OEO.

3 Get to know other hunger relief partners and non-profit resources

Below is a list of non-profit and hunger relief sector partners that can provide additional support, technical assistance, programming, resources, and grant funding. We encourage you to connect with partners and seek assistance when needed.

CONSULTATION, TRAINING, FUNDING, & DATA RESOURCES



FOUNDATION FOR ESSENTIAL NEEDS (FFEN)

FFEN works to improve the responsiveness of Minnesota's food shelves to increase access to fresh, healthy food. They work alongside food shelves through no-cost consultation to provide capacity and help implement operational changes.

ffen.org

- Sign up for the [newsletter](#).
- Learn about the [services they provide](#).



HUNGER SOLUTIONS MN

Hunger Solutions takes action to assure food security for all Minnesotans by supporting programs and agencies that provide food to those in need, advancing public policy, building advocacy, and educating critical stakeholders. HSM is now the advocacy branch of The Food Group.

hungersolutions.org

- Stay informed about advocacy initiatives. Email Pete Woitock (pwoitock@hungersolutions.org) to be added to the email list to receive updates and invites for Partners to End Hunger.
- Sign up to [receive Action Alerts](#) newsletter.
- Sign up to receive HSM newsletters. Email info@hungersolutions.org.



MINNESOTA FOOD SHELF SURVEYS

Minnesota Food Shelf Surveys is a partnership between UMN Extension, FFEN, MN DCYF, OEO, Hunger Solutions MN, and SuperShelf that conducts food shelf participant and manager surveys.

supershelfmn.org/minnesota-statewide-survey

- Read about the [2022 and 2020 survey results](#).



SUPERSHELF

SuperShelf transforms food shelves, creating welcoming environments for communities to access appealing, healthy food. SuperShelf consultations are lead by UMN Extension Educators.

supershelf.mn.org

- Sign up for the [newsletter](#).
- Learn about SuperShelf transformations and [fill out an interest form](#).



OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

Open Your Heart provides grants and funding to food providers and homeless programs.

oyh.org

- Sign up to receive [newsletters](#) at the bottom of the page.
- Learn about the [Hunger and Homeless Grant](#).
- Learn about [funding, grants, and resources](#) they provide.

➤ NON-PROFIT TRAINING & LEADERSHIP RESOURCES



GREATER MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

GMCC spearhead's **Minnesota FoodShare**, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in Minnesota.

gmcc.org/minnesota-foodshare/

➔ Learn more and sign up by email at <mailto:info@gmcc.org> or call 612-276-1556.



MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF NON-PROFITS

MCN provides valuable information about non-profit governance, addresses issues facing the sector, and works on areas of common concern for all.

minnesotanonprofits.org

- ➔ Sign up to receive the [newsletter](#) and subscribe to "Grant Alerts".
- ➔ Take a look at the [non-profit resources and tools](#).