

Fund to End Hunger Guidelines- 2024

The Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB) Fund to end Hunger was established in 2011 by the WCFB as a resource to support nonprofit organizations working towards a hunger-free Worcester County.

INFORMATION SESSION DETAILS: (DATE/TIME, REGISTRATION)

Thursday March 7, 2024 9:30-10:15 AM

Registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81549038233?pwd=RDJQSmtuNkZcVhZcUllRzM2cDBYUT09>

Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) organizations or fiscally sponsored programs
- The proposed work is set to begin at a date after payment is made. (Reimbursement grants are not eligible)
- Operating costs, project expenses and/or capital expenses

Scope & Requirements

- Average grant size is \$3,000
- Requests of any amount will be considered, but larger projects should demonstrate they can secure additional funding
- The proposed work must have a demonstrable impact on Worcester County residents
- Requested work for any large purchases must include a quote
- Grant should be expended within 18 months of disbursement
- In lieu of a formal report, grantees will engage in a follow up conversation with staff at the conclusion of the work

Areas of Support

1. *Increasing Access to Healthy Foods*
 - a. Formal Meal Programs
 - i. In School, Out of School & Summer
 - ii. Increasing capacity of programs such as WIC or Meals on Wheels
 - b. Community Food & Nutrition Resources
 - i. Farmers Markets
 - ii. Community Gardens
 - iii. Food Rescue Programs
 - c. Programs Supporting Marginalized Communities
 - d. Programs promoting economic self-sufficiency and skillbuilding
 - i. Meal preparation and nutrition courses
 - ii. Workforce training
 - iii. Financial planning
2. *Building Capacity for Food Serving Organizations*
 - a. *Equipment & Materials*
 - i. *Storage*

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- ii. *Food Handling*
 - iii. *Items or systems that support growth and/or increase efficiency*
 - b. *Efforts to increase diversity, inclusion, equity and access*
 - i. *Staff and volunteer educational opportunities or training*
 - ii. *Efforts to support clients*
 - 3. *Advocacy & Policy Change*
 - a. *Advocacy efforts for Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP)*
 - b. *Efforts to support those considered benefit ineligible*
 - c.

Selection Criteria: Projects will be assessed in the following areas:

- Alignment with areas of support
- Feasibility of the work: Is the organization the right folks to lead the effort, is the budget realistic and does it match the scope of work)
- Impact for Worcester County residents

What we are not able to support

- Individuals
- Businesses
- Reimbursements/ Support for work already done

Timeline

Application Opens	March 1, 2024
Information Session	March 7, 2024 at 9: 30am
Application Deadline	April 19, 2024
Decisions	May 23, 2024
Payment Date	June 3, 2024

How We Can Help:

- Applicants are encouraged to reach out to GWCF Program staff before submitting an application to discuss project details.
- GWCF staff are happy to offer coaching on your application
- All applications receive a thorough and fair review and will be notified of your decision.
- You are encouraged to set up a feedback conversation with staff to learn more about your application review.

Links:

- Guidelines (PDF)
- Information Session Registration
- Application (PDF)