



FOOD BANK COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN

MISSION

The Food Bank Council of Michigan's mission is to create a food secure state through advocacy, resource management, and collaboration among stakeholders and Michigan's unified food bank network.

VISION

Michigan will become a food secure state when each person has access to proper nutrition acquired by dignified means.

OUR WORK

Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM) is a statewide leadership organization committed to the alleviation of hunger in our state. Our work supports seven member food banks which serve all 83 counties in Michigan. We work to reduce hunger on multiple levels, including legislative action, providing community outreach, administering food programs, and raising money and awareness to help those in need.

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FBCM Programs

Michigan Agricultural Surplus System (MASS)

Funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Human Services, MASS procures surplus crops from farmers and packages them for food banks and distribution to families. The program provides over 6 million pounds of fresh produce to over 1 million people every year.



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education, TEFAP distributes USDA commodities throughout the food bank network. Millions of pounds of commodity foods are distributed to food banks every year, providing agencies with a stable source of emergency food staples.

Michigan Farm to Food Bank (MFFB)

Funded by private organizations, MFFB creates food bank farms, contracting with the farmers to dedicate a percentage of their crops to the food bank in their region. This program has grown annually, providing local, nutrient rich fruits and vegetables to Michigan's emergency food system. This healthy food is vital for the health of Michigan's vulnerable older residents and children.



Food Assistance Program (FAP) Outreach

Funded through public and private grants, FAP Outreach aims to inform people of their eligibility for food assistance and help them apply for it. Since 2010, over 3,000 households received help in applying, and an estimated \$5.8 million in annual benefits were received.

Michigan Harvest Gathering (MHG)

Michigan's only statewide food and fund drive celebrates its 25th anniversary this year! Since 1990, Michigan Harvest Gathering supporters – from state employees and hospital personnel to businesses, corporations, foundations and others – have contributed over \$9.3 million and more than 9.5 million pounds of food to our friends, neighbors, and fellow residents who need help.



Michigan Food Bank Access to Nutrition (MIFBAN)

A pilot program funded by a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, MIFBAN increases the amount of fresh produce available and pairs it with nutrition education through a variety of mobile distribution settings across the state.