2018 Emergency Food Assistance Providers Grant Awards

A Meal and More
$15,000.00
A Meal and More will use the grant funds to support the salary of the soup kitchen manager/chef. This individual will be responsible for running the day to day operations of providing meals to the hungry and informing the wider community of their clients' needs.

Aids Service Center of Lower Manhattan, Inc.
$15,000.00
The Aids Service Center of Lower Manhattan will purchase refrigerated storage units and education and outreach supplies. The Center will also establish formal working partnerships with food rescue organizations to receive donations, increase capacity to accept rescued food donations, and increase the total number of sites providing food pantry services and clients fed.

Albany County Opportunity, Inc
$15,000.00
Albany County Opportunity, Inc. will fund Site Supervisor and Program Assistant positions that will be responsible for food storage, preventing wasted food, and implementing outreach and education components of their organization. The organization will also purchase refrigerated food storage equipment and a chest freezer to store additional perishable foods. Outreach and education supplies, as well as travel costs for staff, will also be purchased to support mobile pantry workshops.

Bed Stuy Campaign Against Hunger, Inc.
$15,000.00
Bed Stuy Campaign Against Hunger, Inc. will purchase food pantry inventory management software that will improve stocking and purchasing choices to reduce wasted food and increase the availability of wholesome food for clients. The software will also improve the pantry customer order fulfillment process and update quality assurance methods.

Bethesda House of Schenectady
$15,000.00
Bethesda House of Schenectady will hire a Food Pantry Coordinator that will be responsible for the organization's two food pantries. The staff person's responsibilities include inventory management for both pantries, food item ordering, pickup and deliveries, coordinating donations, and establishing processes to reduce wasted food.

Blueprint Geneva, Inc.
$3,800.00
Blueprint Geneva, Inc. will use the grant funds improve their gleaning operations, providing additional food that would normally be plowed under in a field to those in need. A contractor will be hired for gleaning outreach, record keeping and reporting, training volunteers, and coordinating events.

Broome County Council of Churches, Inc.
$15,00.00
Broome County Council of Churches, Inc. will use the grant funds to cover the travel expenses of their recovery vehicle and be able to transport donated food from over 20 donors daily to mobile market stands.

CAMBA, Inc.
$14,188.00
The contract will allow CAMBA, Inc. to purchase additional refrigerated food storage to allow for the safe storage and distribution of more fresh food. They will also purchase and install shelving at their food pantry for non-perishable foods.

Capital Roots, Inc.
$15,000.00
Capital Roots, Inc. will hire a coordinator to implement all aspects of the produce rescue program including collections, gleanings, and distributions to bring more fresh produce into their emergency feeding program. They will also contract with AmeriCorps to build capacity for long-term relationships with wholesalers who are potential donors.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany - Herkimer County (CCH)
$5,710.00
CCH will fund the Associate Executive Director's time spent on their food donation program, as well as install refrigerated food storage units to increase the amount of perishable food items that can be donated.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany (Sister Maureen Joyce Food Pantry)
$14,988.81
The Sister Maureen Joyce Food Pantry will hire a food pantry coordinator. This staff person will coordinate all pantry activities as well as education, outreach, and networking for potential food donors. This will increase their current community partnerships and fulfill logistics needs of acquiring new donations.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester – Steuben (CCS)
$15,000.00
CCS will partner with the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Steuben County to increase donations from farms and cooperatives in the Southern Tier. A CCE employee will facilitate donation agreements and help design a volunteer gleaning program. In addition, CCS will purchase crates to store and transport gleaned produce and will promote the gleaning program to farmers and volunteers.

Catholic Charities of Rochester – Chemung/Schuyler

$15,000.00
The Catholic Charities of Rochester (Chemung/Schuyler) will purchase and install walk-in freezer units. This will decrease the amount of food wasted at the pantry and allow for the preservation and storage of excess perishable donations.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester – Livingston County (CCLC)
$13,500.00
CCLC will hire a Food Donation Coordinator for their pantry to assist with outreach and increasing the amount of donated food. The contract will also fund travel expenses associated with staff person travel within Livingston County as well as additional refrigerated food storage.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester - Tompkins/Tioga (CCTT)
$15,000.00
CCTT will hire a staff person to work on Tioga Outreach Center Healthy Food Initiatives. Their responsibilities will include coordinating volunteers, creating donation connections, streamlining procedures to manage donations at the pantry, coordinating pantry-related gleaning events, and providing education and outreach.

Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.
$15,000.00
Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. will use the grant funds to purchase a used cargo van to continue and expand efforts to pick up recovered and gleaned foods and reduce the amount of wasted food.

Chautauqua County Rural Ministry Inc.
$15,000.00
Chautauqua County Rural Ministry Inc. will hire a staff person to organize and coordinate gleaning activities, establish new and ongoing partnerships with emergency relief organizations, and coordinate food distribution to emergency food relief organizations.

Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.
$15,000.00
Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. will purchase and install a walk-in cooler, an item that will allow them to prevent the waste of perishable, wholesome food.

Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. (CHOP)
$7,531.20
CHOP will purchase and install additional refrigerated food storage to increase capacity for fresh, perishable produce in their pantry program.

Church of the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen
$15,000.00
The Church of the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen will hire a Backpack Pantry Coordinator to oversee the preparation, distribution and communication with Public School 33’s backpack pantry program in addition to much needed supplies.

Comfort Food of Washington County, Inc
$12,420.00
Comfort Food of Washington County, Inc. will hire a seasonal Food Recovery Assistant that will

provide support to their gleaning program. The addition of this staff person will enable the organization to increase the number of times there are able to recover surplus food from farms and the number of deliveries made to community sites.

Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Greater Capital Region, Inc.
$15,000.00
The Commission on Economic Opportunity for the Greater Capital Region, Inc. will purchase a new food truck that will enable the organization to continue providing nutritional meals to children and operateseveral meal sites.

Common Ground Farm
$4,014.00
Common Ground Farm will hire a Market Manager to collect food from donors for distribution to food pantries in Newburgh, in addition to coordinating the donation program among vendors and food pantries.

Community Action of Greene County Inc. (CAGCNY)
$15,000.00
CAGCNY will purchase a used van to transport food throughout the county and initiate a mobile food pantry to eliminate the transportation barrier to accessing food, increasing the amount of wholesome food made available to those in need.

Community Action of Orleans and Genesee, Inc.
$4,176.10
Community Action of Orleans and Genesee, Inc. will purchase equipment (refrigerator, shelves, dolly, etc.) for their three food pantries in Albion, Holley, and Batavia in order to operate more efficiently and distribute a greater amount of food.

Community Action of Southold Town, Inc
$15,000.00
Community Action of Southold Town, Inc. will purchase a refrigerated van to pick up and distribute perishable fruits, vegetables, dairy products and other nutrient-dense food to low income individuals and families. The vehicle will also allow the organization to rescue food from local smaller and mid-size vendors with small food donations.

Community Center of Northern Westchester, Inc.
$15,000.00
The Community Center of Northern Westchester, Inc. will launch a Fresh Food Recovery Program to move excess fresh foods from local grocery stores and restaurants to Community Action of Northern Westchester, Inc. so that it can feed food insecure residents of northern Westchester.

Community Health Action of Staten Island
$15,000.00
The Community Health Action of Staten Island will support the Director of Pantry Services to collaborate with food rescue resources on a more regular basis to increase donations as well as purchase a new freezer and refrigerator to keep donated food fresh or frozen until it can be distributed.

Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc.
$15,000.00
Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc. will purchase a Compact Cargo Van to expand food delivery and donation pick up services within the City of Niagara Falls, NY. This project will increase the amount of wholesome food available to those in need.

Cooperative Extension Association in the State of NY Yates County
$11,791.43
The Cooperative Extension Association in the State of NY Yates County will increase the food distribution from Yates County community gardens to the surrounding community through support of the Master Garden Coordinator, Agriculture Educator, gardening kits and better garden management practices.

Dutchess Community College Foundation, Inc.
$2,986.00
The Dutchess Community College Foundation, Inc. will purchase and install an air conditioning unit to store and provide access to fresh produce. The Foundation will also purchase a mobile food cart to display and distribute fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the campus. This project will support the food recovery operations of the organization and increase their capacity to store and distribute rescued wholesome food and fresh produce.

Family of Woodstock, Inc. (FOW)
$15,000.00
FOW will hire a Distribution Manager and expand their food rescue and distribution efforts. The Distribution Manager will collect donated food from local businesses and distribute it to food pantries throughout Ulster County, New York. This funding will allow the organization to expand its services from the northern part of the county to the entire county.

Flower City Pickers, Inc.
$15,000.00
Flower City Pickers, Inc. will hire a Director of Operations to support the all-volunteer workforce and coordinate food rescue operations. Flower City Pickers, Inc. will also hire a Director of Development that will work to improve fundraising efforts and establish partnerships with other food rescue organizations to improve volunteer retention and increase efficiency of food rescue and distribution operations.

Focus Churches of Albany, Inc.
$4,959.00
Focus Churches of Albany, Inc. will purchase an additional refrigerator to store perishable produce and other food items. The contract will also allow Focus Churches of Albany to hire a Produce Food Manager that will coordinate food distribution and lead bi-weekly cooking demonstrations to help pantry clients understand how to use produce they receive from the pantry at the Focus Churches of Albany.

Food Pantries for the Capital District, Inc.
$15,000.00
The Food Pantries for the Capital District, Inc. will rent a refrigerated box truck to add to the Food Connect Mobile Outreach and Produce Shuttle fleet, a collaborative program between the food bank, local food pantry, and a summer meal site that provides free lunches to children in need throughout the summer. The additional truck will allow the organization to significantly reduce food waste by ensuring that regular distribution of food is possible and perishable food items do not go to waste simply due to a lack of transportation.

Friends of Night People, Inc.
$15,000.00
Friends of Night People, Inc. will purchase a vehicle to transport food to and from partner agencies and other food distribution locations. This project will widen the organization's reach across Western New York State. The vehicle will also allow the organization to receive donated and low-cost food more regularly, thus increasing their ability to distribute more wholesome food and reduce waste.

Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc. (GMHC)
$15,000.00
GMHC will use funding to purchase critical kitchen equipment to help the GMHC Food Pantry and Dining Room staff prepare, store, and cook food. In addition, GMHC will use funding to support its critical nutrition health education programming that helps clients learn how use donated food efficiently, reduce residential food waste, and build healthful, flavorful meals from the ingredients GMHC provides.

Grandma's Love, Inc.
$15,000.00
Grandma's Love, Inc. will hire a Project Manager to oversee the implementation and expansion of the current food program. Grandma's Love, Inc. provides weekend meals in backpacks to children living with food insecurity. The Project Manager will conduct outreach and collaboration efforts to increase donations from local businesses and offer classes to the children's low-income families on how to best use food from local pantries and other emergency food sources.

Hands Across Long Island
$15,000.00
Hands Across Long Island will hire a part-time staff person to transport rescued food to their program site.

Harlem Dowling-Westside Center for Children and Family Services
$7,639.00
The Harlem Dowling-Westside Center for Children and Family Services will hire an additional Pantry Assistant. This will allow the pantry to serve more clients and support them by providing workshops on cooking nutritional meals and stretching limited food budgets.

Hillside Food Outreach (HFO)
$2,500.00
HFO will contract with a web designer to create a Nutrition Corner on their website. The Nutrition Corner will allow clients to access nutrition information and simple recipes utilizing the foods that are included in the grocery bags they receive from HFO. This will help clients efficiently use the food they receive and reduce their household food waste.

Hope Community Services, Inc.
$14,970.00
Hope Community Services, Inc. will replace inefficient and unreliable freezers with energy-efficient walk-in freezers. This will allow the organization to increase the amount of donated meat, fish, and poultry the pantry can distribute by at least 20%.

Hope of Buffalo, Inc.
$14,518.00
Hope of Buffalo, Inc. will hire a team leader to manage the food pantry and coordinate food distribution to pantry clients. The contract will also provide support to the primary pantry volunteers that collect donations from the community and manage the pantry.

Hudson Valley Community Services, Inc.
$14,497.00
Hudson Valley Community Services, Inc. will purchase new refrigerators and freezers to safely store fresh food prior to distributing it to pantry clients. This will increase the organization's capacity to receive donated food and distribute it to people in need while reducing waste due to spoilage.

Huntington Family Centers, Inc.
$15,000.00
The contract will allow the Huntington Family Centers to hire an Emergency Services Coordinator to oversee pantry operations and establish relationships with additional food pantry donors, as well as provide strategies for clients to incorporate more produce into their meals. The organization will also purchase a laptop to help the Coordinator to manage the program.

Huther-Doyle Memorial Institute Inc.
$3,400.20
The Huther-Doyle Memorial Institute will purchase a stove, exhaust fan, refrigerator, and upright freezer to expand its Healthy Eating and Learning program (HEAL). HEAL is both a celebration of recovery and a hands-on cooking class designed to teach clients how to prepare a healthy meal on a budget.

Iris House: A Center for Women Living with HIV, Inc.
$13,720.00
Iris House will hire a Nutrition Education and Outreach Specialist to coordinate and conduct community outreach to increase awareness of the pantry and its services, and work with local vendors to create and maintain donation partnerships. In addition, Iris House will develop and distribute a brochure of its pantry programs and pay for part time use of a van to deliver pantry bags to its satellite locations.

Joseph's House and Shelter
$15,000.00
Joseph's House and Shelter will hire a Shelter Shift Manager, responsible for the operation of the food pantry during evening, overnight, and weekend shifts. This person will allow the pantry to expand their typical hours for accepting/coordinating donations and providing food to those in need.

Lifting Up Westchester, Inc. (LUW)
$15,000.00
LUW will support a project director to increase partnerships with food donors and manage delivery logistics and meal planning, which will increase LUW's ability to include more fresh fruits and vegetables in their soup kitchen menu. To support this work, LUW will purchase a freezer to double the amount of storage space available for pureed produce and meals prepared with fresh food.

Massena Meals on Wheels, Inc.
$2,664.32
Massena Meals on Wheels will purchase reusable three-compartment meal trays with lids to provide meals to clients more efficiently.

Mechanicville Area Community Services Center
$15,000.00
The Mechanicville Area Community Services Center will hire a driver to transport donated produce from farms and stores to the local vulnerable population. The Center will also establish a new food pantry with a refrigerator, freezer, and shelving.

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, Inc.
$15,000.00
The Mosholu Montefiore Community Center will hire a part-time pantry coordinator to rescue more fresh food for its clients. The coordinator will train and supervise volunteers, conduct outreach to restaurants and grocery stores, and collaborate with a nutritionist to offer nutritional education and cooking classes on preparing fresh produce.

New York Common Pantry, Inc.
$15,000.00
The New York Common Pantry will hire a Rescue Associate to assist with handling and tracking of increased food donations. In addition, funds will help the Pantry to purchase inventory management software to help it track and allocate the food from the warehouse to multiple emergency feeding sites.
Patchogue-Medford Youth & Community Services

$14,667.49
Patchogue-Medford Youth & Community Services will hire a part-time outreach worker to rescue additional fresh food, promote the food pantry program, and conduct educational workshops and cooking demonstrations. In addition, the pantry will design brochures and distribute mailings to improve the reach and awareness of their services.

Phillies Bridge Farm Food Justice Project
$12,800.00
The Phillies Bridge Farm Food Justice Project will use the grant funds to purchase and install a walk-in cooler. This will expand the current cooling space and help keep produce fresh, providing more flexibility around pick-up times and education programming. This additional cold storage space will more than double their capacity for produce preservation.

Pitney Meadows Community Farm, Inc.
$15,000.00
Pitney Meadows Community Farm, Inc. will install a wash/pack station and a walk-in cooler in order to properly prepare freshly harvested vegetables in a safe reliable manner prior to delivery to food pantries. The walk-in cooler will allow freshly harvested food to remain that way on days that food pantries are not accepting donations. Work under this contract also includes demolition and installation of concrete floors to support the new wash/pack station and walk-in cooler.

Pittsford Food Cupboard
$7,500.00
Pittsford Food Cupboard will purchase needed equipment including shelving units, a commercial refrigerator, construction supplies, and a van rental to transport food supplies. The refrigerator and associated supplies will significantly increase the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables that can be stored and distributed.

Project Hospitality, Inc
$15,000.00
Project Hospitality, Inc. will fund a Food Rescue and Emergency Feeding Coordinator (FREFC). The FREFC will help increase food availability at Project Hospitality by recruiting new food recovery sites and food suppliers and overseeing the distribution of rescued food to hungry and homeless clients.

Queens Community House, Inc.
$14,575.00
Queens Community House, Inc. will fund a Food Access Coordinator, storage supplies, postage, mailing, and transportation costs. This project will help increase food availability and outreach in order to reduce food waste and provide more wholesome food to clients.

Research Foundation of CUNY
$15,000.00
The Research Foundation of CUNY will hire an additional Assistant Food Educator at Kingsborough Community College. The Assistant Food Educator will lead cooking demonstrations and workshops to help students understand how to use produce they receive through the campus food donation program and assist with the distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables to students.

Rockland Independent Living Center, Inc
$15,000.00
The Rockland Independent Living Center, Inc. will fund a Food Recovery Assistant and Pantry Coordinator who will pick up, deliver, and distribute food in addition to overseeing the operations. This project will help increase food availability and outreach in order to reduce food waste and provide more wholesome food to clients.

Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.
$15,000.00
Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. will hire a Food Programs Assistant who will pick up, deliver, and distribute food to food pantries, their soup kitchen, and a mobile food pantry. This project will help increase food availability and outreach in order to reduce food waste and provide more wholesome food to clients.

Schenectady Inner City Ministry
$2,500.00
Schenectady Inner City Ministry will purchase a sliding door refrigeration unit to keep donated food fresh until it can be distributed.

Second Chance Foods, Inc.
$15,000.00
Second Chance Foods, Inc. will hire a kitchen manager. This person will manage the processing of rescue food which will result in feeding fresh healthy food to those in need.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Buffalo
$15,000.00
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Buffalo will hire a dining room manager, fund travel, and purchase a double door commercial freezer. The dining room manager oversee and assist in daily operations of the dining room and emergency food pantry. This person will also enhance relationships with regional farmers and grocery stores to increase the amount of food donated. Funded travel costs will be used to increase food rescue operations and the freezer will allow additional storage of rescued food.

Southside United Housing Development Fund Corporation
$15,000.00
The Southside United Housing Development Fund Corporation will hire a Community Connector and purchase van insurance and equipment - including a refrigerator, cargo bike, containers, and hand-trucks/dollies. The Community Connector will help receive deliveries, operate the pantry, and pick up harvested and rescued food.

St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc.
$15,000.00
The St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc. will hire a Food Rescue Driver. The Food Rescue Driver will be responsible for picking up rescued food and delivering it to Bread & Life's pantry in the agency's food transport van.

St. Peter's Kitchen, Inc.
$15,000.00
St. Peter's Kitchen, Inc. will hire a Kitchen Manager that will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the food service program.

The Albany Damien Center Inc.
$15,000.00
The Albany Damien Center, Inc. will hire a Smart Meals Assistant Chef and a Program Manager to implement a smart meals food outreach program. This program includes outreach to potential new donors and pickup of food from new donors to the pantry/meal site. It also includes outreach to donors and preparation of donated foods.

The Fortune Society Inc.
$15,000.00
The Fortune Society Inc. will hire staff to establish a composting system to reduce the amount of food that is landfilled and establish relationships with local restaurants to garner additional food donation.

The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC Inc.
$15,000.00
The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC Inc. will be able to increase the work hours for the food pantry manager. The additional work hours will allow additional food distribution and increased efforts to secure donations.

Touch-Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc.
$15,000.00
Touch-Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc. will increase the paid work hours for a Food Recovery Coordinator. The Coordinator's primary responsibility will be to reach out to potential donors to develop partnerships and arrange for additional food donations.

The Valley Community Association Inc.
$11,200.00
The Valley Community Association Inc. will use the awarded funds to purchase a commercial refrigerator and increase staff time. These efforts will increase the amount of wholesome food that can be obtained and stored for distribution to those in need.

Trillium Health, Inc.
$15,000.00
Trillium Health, Inc. will purchase a freezer and hire a part-time Food Program Assistant to increase food availability at the pantry and prevent the waste of perishable food due to inadequate storage.

Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region Inc.
$5,598.00
Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region Inc. will purchase a freezer to increase their capacity to store food.

Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc.
$15,000.00
Ulster County Community Action Committee, Inc. will purchase a used truck and hire a part time driver. The truck and driver will be used to transport food to the rural parts of the county that are not currently served.

United Bronx Parents, Inc.
$15,000.00
United Bronx Parents, Inc. will be able to increase staff time available to seek partnerships with local grocery stores, supermarkets, and other generators. These partnerships will facilitate an increase in food donation and the general amount of food available to people in need.

Unity House of Troy Inc.
$15,000.00
Unity House of Troy Inc. will purchase a freezer to store food and hire staff to drive a van to pick up food from the Food Banks and other locations.

Venison Donation Coalition Inc.
$14,900.00
The Venison Donation Coalition Inc. will improve and increase the processing of venison for donation and be able to increase advertising to promote participation.

Warren-Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc
$15,000.00
The Warren-Hamilton Counties ACEO, Inc. will purchase a used box truck or commercial van for the transportation of perishable food. The organization shares food with a number of other smaller organizations in the two-county area. The vehicle will allow more food to be distributed and will reduce the amount of food that is wasted.

West Side Center for Community Life
$15,000.00
The West Side Center for Community Life will be able to hire additional staff to focus on developing donation relationships with local businesses and procure additional food from new sources.

YMCA of Yonkers Inc.
$14,996.20
The YMCA of Yonkers Inc. will purchase a walk-in cooler. The cooler will significantly increase the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables that can be stored and distributed.

YWCA Rochester and Monroe County
$14,596.50
YWCA Rochester and Monroe County will create a new staff position and improve the organization's existing emergency food relief processes. The goal is to provide more food to those that live in the YWCA shelter.