

Capacity Building Grant Program Policies

Purpose: The purpose of the Grant Program is to provide financial resources to the partner network to build capacity and increase access for neighbors.

General Guidelines

The Food Bank can use discretion to reward exceptional service or limit access to funding based on perceived risk or previous grant stewardship issues.

To be eligible for grant funding, partners must:

- remain in good compliance standing with the Food Bank contract
- place an eHarvest order in the last 60 days
- fill out the Grants and Resources Interest form

Length of Partnership Requirement

- After 6 months of partnership and ordering, partners are eligible for \$5,000
- After 12 months of active partnership and ordering, partners eligible to apply for:
 - Grants above \$15,000 (contingent on segmentation placement below)
 - An invitation to participate in capacity building services paid for by the Food Bank (including Hands on Atlanta cohort and consultation)
- 24 months of active partnership is required for grants above \$45,000.

Grant Eligibility Based on Partnership and Program Participation

Programs Partners:

- School Pantries, CSFP-only, Benefits Screening-only and Community Mobile Pantry Partners are eligible for \$5,000 every 12 months on a rolling basis

Agency Partners: See Segment definitions [here](#)

If partners change segment based on Transforming Access Together adoption or distribution growth, eligibility is adjusted effective immediately.

- **Respected Partners** are eligible up to \$5,000 at one time and/or cumulatively every 12 months on a rolling basis
- **Foundational Partners** are eligible for up to \$15,000 at one time and/or cumulatively every 24 months on a rolling basis
 - Example: If \$15,000 is granted in April 2025, next grant eligibility is April 2026.
 - Example: If \$6,000 is granted in April 2025, partner is eligible for \$9,000 at next opportunity. If \$6,000 is granted in September 2025, partner is eligible for up to \$9,000 in April 2026.
- **Transforming Partners** are eligible up to \$25,000 at one time and/or cumulatively every 24 months on a rolling basis
- **Network Leaders** are eligible up to \$45,000 at one time and/or cumulatively every 24 months on a rolling basis