

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 within the 60 days preceding the grant opportunity
- If previously awarded a grant, partners must wait **one year** after receiving the grant and submit all required receipts and documentation before applying for another grant.
- Partner must be in the designated TAT segment for a minimum of three **(3) months prior** to the grant opportunity.

Length of Partnership Requirement

- After **6 months of partnership** and ordering, partners are eligible for up to \$5,000.
- After **12 months of active partnership** and ordering, partners are eligible to apply for:
 - Grants above \$15,000 (contingent on segmentation placement below)
 - An invitation to participate in a special project or program grant opportunities (i.e. Hands on Atlanta cohort and consultation)
- **24 months of active partnership** is required for grants above \$25,000.

Grant Eligibility Based on Partnership and Program Participation

Grant opportunities will be offered to partners based on their adoption of Transforming Access Together behaviors.

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

- **Respected Partners** are eligible up to \$5,000 at one time every 12 months.
- **Foundational Partners** are eligible to receive up to **\$15,000** at one time and/or cumulatively within a rolling 24-month period.
 - **Example A:** If \$15,000 is awarded in April 2025, the partner has reached the maximum funding limit and would become eligible for additional grant funding in April 2027.
 - **Example B:** If \$6,000 is awarded in April 2025, the partner may apply for up to \$9,000 after one year (April 2026), provided the total awarded within the rolling 24-month period does not exceed \$15,000.
- **Transforming Partners** are eligible up to \$25,000 at one time and/or cumulatively every 24 months on a rolling basis.

- **Example A:** If \$25,000 is awarded in April 2025, the partner has reached the maximum funding limit and would become eligible for additional grant funding in April 2027.
- **Example B:** If \$15,000 is awarded in April 2025, the partner may apply for up to \$10,000 after one year (April 2026), provided the total award within the rolling 24-month period does not exceed \$25,000.
- **Network Leaders** are eligible up to \$45,000 at one time and/or cumulatively every 24 months on a rolling basis.
 - **Example A:** If \$45,000 is awarded in April 2025, the partner has reached the maximum funding limit and would become eligible for additional grant funding in April 2027.
 - **Example B:** If \$20,000 is awarded in April 2025, the partner may apply for up to \$25,000 after one year (April 2026), provided the total awarded within the rolling 24-month period does not exceed \$45,000.

Partner Segment Adjustments & Validation

If a partner's segment changes based on Transforming Access Together (TAT) behavior adoption, distribution growth, or a reduction in behaviors, their segment will be adjusted accordingly. Points will be added for newly adopted behaviors and removed when behaviors are reduced.

IMPORTANT- Before each grant opportunity, a validation process will confirm that partners have actively demonstrated the TAT behaviors for which they are receiving points during the previous (3) months.