

# Update on Food Security in Dane County

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## Emergency Food System



### Second Harvest program extended through July 2022

- Partnered with The Hmong Institute to hold an info session (with translation) for Hmong growers interested in selling to Second Harvest.

### Food pantries

- During the pandemic, switched to outdoor, curbside, boxed pick-ups.
- Many pantries built outdoor structures/awnings for operating in the winter months.
- Pantries are working to provide more market-style choice-based model
- More volunteers re-engaging as they get vaccinated.

### Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens

- Collaborated with Rooted to survey client food preferences & packaging; data shared with Second Harvest

## School Nutrition



Free school meals extended through 2021-2022 school year (7 days/week)

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT)

MMSD: Current Meal Box distribution covers 7 days

- Distributing 1 day/week
- 16 school & neighborhood food pick-up sites
- Includes evening pick up sites

Summer feeding program

- 24 sites identified;
- Hoping to offer Market Box Model through summer as well

**37,150**

meals served during the week of April 5th - 9th

**1,098,598**

meals served this school year, September 8th - April 9th

## Community Supported Food Security Programs



### Restaurant-led meal prep & delivery to residents with food access barriers

- Cook It Forward, FEED To Go (FEED Kitchens), Little John's (\$5/meal)

### Dane County PIE Grants / City of Madison Community Food Access Grants

- 53 applications (31 applied to PIE, 43 applied to CFA - 19 of those applied to both)
- \$19.5K funded to PIE applicants (requests totaled \$95K); \$150K funded to CFA applicants (requests totaled \$834K)

### Farms to Families Program (REAP Food Group & Root4Change)

- Focus is Madison-area Latinx and indigenous residents
- Winding down at the end of May due to infrastructure & capacity limitations

### Medical Community: Championing Medically Tailored Meals / Meal Kits

## Current Nutrition Incentive Programs in Dane County



### Changes to the SNAP Program

- Online shopping with SNAP benefits available for the first time
- 15% Increases in SNAP benefits through Sept 2021 (impacts ~50K Dane residents)

### Double Dollars available for FoodShare (WI SNAP) participants

- Up to \$25 match per market day at participating farmers' markets (June-Sept 2021)
- Up to \$20 match at Willy Street Co-op locations during non-market months
- 2021 funding compromised due to suspension on reusable bags

### Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers for seniors 60+

- \$25 voucher for produce or herbs at WI farmers' markets/farm stands (June-Oct 2021)

### WIC Farmers' Market Program

- \$30 voucher for WIC families to purchase fresh produce at markets/farm stands

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