

**WEST OHIO FOOD BANK**  
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**DEFINITIONS**

**1. FOODBANK PROGRAMS:**

- A. Second Harvest: This program offers donated foods from national and local companies which may carry a shared maintenance contribution of up to 18¢ per pound or 25¢ per pound if we had to repackage the donation. See Frequently Asked Questions for an explanation of shared maintenance contributions.
- B. Food Purchase Program: This program is similar to a food cooperative, offering meat and eggs for purchase at our cost plus 8¢ per pound for handling.
- C. USDA Commodities: This program offers monthly allocations of government foods. We allocate this product based on the member agencies percentage of service in their county. This product carries a shared maintenance contribution of 10¢ per pound. This food can only be used for Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens and Shelters.
- D. Ohio Food Purchase Program: This program is funded by the Ohio General Assembly, and purchases food by the trailer load for distribution to our member agencies. We allocate this no charge product based on the member agencies percentage of service in their county. This food can only be used for Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens and Shelters.
- E. Ohio Agriculture Surplus Production Alliance: This program is funded by the Ohio General Assembly which locates surplus agricultural product which are donated by Ohio farmers and covers their harvesting and processing costs. This product is offered at no cost.

**2. MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAMS:**

- A. Food Pantry: A non-profit 501(c) 3 pantry provides bags of groceries to people in need at no charge and keeps records of people served. Types of pantry programs are:
  - a) *Emergency Pantry*: Provides groceries in sufficient quantity and quality to meet the complete nutritional needs of the person (and their family) asking for help for at least three days.
  - b) *Supplemental Pantry*: Provides groceries in sufficient quantity to feed a person (and their family) asking for help for at least three days, but does not provide for the complete nutritional needs of the person.
  - c) *Target Population Pantry*: Provides groceries to a particular population served by the organization (i.e.: independent or assisted living homes; homebound delivery,) but is not open for the general public who may need food assistance.

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B. Meals Programs: A non-profit 501(c)3 organization which provides hot or cold nutritionally balanced meals, either on site or home delivered, to people in need at no charge and keeps count of meals and people served each day. These types of programs are:

- a) *Soup Kitchen:* Is open at meals times, breakfast and/or lunch and/or dinner, providing hot meals to people in need, generally cafeteria style.
- b) *Brown Bag:* Provides nutritionally balanced cold meals to people requesting help (like sandwiches, snacks, fruit, cookies and drink) in a lunch sack. Generally, people take the lunch and eat it elsewhere.
- c) *Shelter:* Provides meals to residents of shelter, i.e.: Homeless shelter or Protective shelter.

C. Supplemental Programs: These are non-profit 501(c)3 organizations that provide food (generally meals) to people as part of the services offered to a specific population. These programs are not eligible for USDA Commodities or the Ohio Food Purchase Program. These types of programs are:

- a) *Residential:* Provides meals to residents of programs, i.e.: Substance abuse or physically or mentally challenged residential facility. May charge a sliding fee for participation.
- b) *Day Care:* Provides meals to children or adults in care as long as 51% of participants qualify for federal meal assistance. May charge a sliding scale fee for service.
- c) *Senior:* Provides meals to senior citizens either on site or home delivered. A sliding fee scale may be charged for home delivery. Generally, meals on site are served at no charge, although participants may offer unsolicited contributions.
- d) *Miscellaneous:* This category can include summer camps, youth clubs, humane associations, etc.

Please Note: If none of the organization program definitions apply to the programs offered by your agency, please call Emily Stimmel at 419-222-7946 before completing the application.