

Agency Scoop

September 2023



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

September 13 | Drake, Harvey, New Rockford, Wimbledon

September 19 | Leeds, Fort Totten

September 20 | Solen, Cannonball, Selfridge, Porcupine,
Fort Yates

September 26 | Devils Lake, Langdon, Litchville,
Minnewaukan, Tokio

September 27 | Westhope, Lignite, Stanley

September 28 | Wildrose, Tioga

[View Upcoming Mobile Stop Details Here](#)



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Upcoming Events

Equitable Access Grant available for Agency Partners.

Details are in announcements. Technical Assistance
Session via Microsoft Teams

September 5th from 2:00-3:00pm

During this session we will explain the grant, answer
questions, and help brainstorm ideas.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



**NOURISHING COMMUNITIES,
CULTIVATING CHANGE**

ADDRESSING THE INTERSECTIONS
OF HEALTH & HUNGER

SAVE THE DATE!

 <p>CassClay HUNGER COALITION 6TH ANNUAL HUNGER & HEALTH SUMMIT</p>	<p>OCTOBER 26, 2023</p> <p>8:30AM- 3:30PM</p> <p>LUNCH PROVIDED!</p>	<p>\$25 CCHC MEMBER</p> <p>\$30 NON- MEMBER</p> <p>SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!</p>	<p>BLUESTEM CENTER FOR THE ARTS</p> <p>801 50TH AVE. S. MOORHEAD, MN</p>
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Registration for summit will be open soon.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Equitable Access Grant Opportunity

- Funding available: Up to \$5,000 to 10 of our agency partners
- Grant period: October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024
- Use of funds: To sustain, deepen or develop new programs/initiatives/activities that have a direct impact on communities of color and/or rural communities.
- Grantee engagement expectations: One check-in (halfway through), one final report, and a kick-off meeting (October, 2023)
 - An Outlook Calendar Invitation with Zoom meeting details will be sent to the designated contacts for the grant implementation following grant acceptance.
- Technical Assistance (grant overview) virtual: September 5, 2023
- Application Deadline: September 15, 2023
- Acceptance Date: September 25, 2023
- Progress Check-in: December 1, 2023
- Final report Deadline: April 30, 2024
- This grant cannot be used to purchase food.

If interested in applying, please find the Grant Application via Survey Monkey [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact Zoe Absey zabsey@greatplainsfoodbank.org



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Cargill Grant Opportunity

Reminder, we still have funds available from the Cargill Grant for agency partners. This is a capacity building grant to assist partners who currently participate or want to start Agency Enabled Retail Rescue Pick-ups. Funds can be used for infrastructure needs such as a new cooler, or freezer, equipment, staffing, training, technology, capital improvements and more.

Reach out to Stephanie (east) and Grant (West) for more details.

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ServSafe Food Safety Certification

All agency partners must hold current food safety certification. If your site needs to update your certification, GPFB has a reoccurring monthly new code for your volunteers/ staff to take ServSafe Food Handler for Food Banking food safety training. A copy of the test will be sent to your email. After you have watched the video training, please send completed tests to your RSM to receive your certificate. More details are on page 6.

Meal sites open to the public will need a higher level of food safety training (ServSafe Food Protection Manager). If your site needs this level of certification, please contact your RSM to sign up for the course.

Order Invoices

Effective 8/28/23, all agencies who order will only be receiving an email copy of their invoices after billing. These documents (invoices and statements) can be found under the Documents tab on your PWW account. Let your RSM know if you have questions.



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Statistics Reminders

- Monthly service statistics are due no later than the 10th of the following month.
- Agency partners who host a quarterly mobile food pantry, remember to submit your service statistics in the designated mobile categories. These are entered separately from your monthly service statistics.
- Partners who participate in agency shopping, remember to include your receipted pounds in your monthly statistics.
- If you need a refresher or have any questions please reach out to your RSM Nicole (east) or Kayla (west).

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Agency Enabled Retail Rescue Pick-ups

Any agency partner who participates in Agency Enabled Retail Rescue Program and picks up a food donation from a local retail store MUST report their receipted pounds the same month as their pick-up. To help us keep accurate record of the pounds of food being rescued during pick-ups, please remember to submit your receipts on a weekly basis so it is not a forgotten task at the end of the month.

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Food Safety TRAINING

Great Plains Food Bank is committed to offering our agency partners the opportunity to quality food safety training. The ServSafe Food Handler instructional video can be used by agency partners to update their biennial food safety certification, refresh their food safety knowledge and train new volunteers. A new code will be available to our agency partners to access the online video, as needed.

Due to copyright laws, the video access code will not be posted on the PARC. New codes will be published in the monthly newsletter or reach out to your RSM for video code access.

To access ServSafe Food Handler® Guide for Food Banking Video:

Go to the [Food Bank Online Companion Instructional Video Homepage](#)

Use this email: programs@greatplainsfoodbank.org

New Video Code: **5651-8735-125s-15e9**

Online video code will expire 30 days after it is initially launched. Please contact your RSM if you have issues accessing the training.



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Product HIGHLIGHTS

#93662 - ND USDA Raisins -- 24/15oz bags per case

#38910 - ND USDA Ground Beef -- 40/1lb per case

#12217 - ND USDA Applesauce Cups -- 96/4.5oz cups per case

#72728 - LFPA Chickpeas - 8/4# bags per case

#27666 - MN USDA -- Frozen Apricot Cups - 96/4.5oz cups per case

#00169 - MN USDA -- Canned Red Salmon - 24/7.5oz cans per case

#32124 - MN USDA -- Hazelnuts - 24/16oz bags per case

#77992 - Alani Purified Alkaline Water - 12/33.8 bottles; \$5.04/case

#31019 - Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal - 3/24.75oz bags; \$0.72/case



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