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**Proposal to Address Food Insecurity
FY2026-2027**

Progress To-Date

- \$12.6 million expended for food and capital grants
- CARES Act, ARPA, Small Nonprofit Program, Member Initiative Program
- Purchased food, vans, freezers, or items to improve capacity



Goals for Addressing Insecurity



- Provide food to pantries supporting people in need
- Transform the food system infrastructure so pantries receive fresh, healthy food in a timely manner



Loaves and Fishes

- Board gave consensus for \$2.5 million for Hub 2.0
- Expand facility by 30,000 square feet



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DuPage Food Pantry Challenge Grants



- \$2 million for transformational projects
- Program runs for two years
- Incentivize collaboration among pantries and community partners to create lasting change



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DuPage Food Pantry Challenge Grants



- Improve food infrastructure impacting multiple pantries or organizations
- Minimum request \$500,000
- Request may not exceed 50% of total project costs
- Full project funding must be secured by 2027



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Northern Illinois Food Bank Fresh Produce Program

- \$2 million for fresh produce
- Two-year program, \$1 million/year





Conservation Foundation's Farm to Pantry Program

Total: \$322,000 for food and capital

- \$172,000 for operating costs
- \$90,000 for a refrigerated van
- \$60,000 for greenhouse expansion



Available Funding



Funds Available: \$8.7 million

- \$2 million from 2026 budget and ARPA transfers
- \$2.5 million in 2025 surplus
- \$1 million from 2025 surplus
- \$3.2 million from 2025 surplus to Sustainability Fund



Proposed Program Costs 2026-2027



- Loaves & Fishes Hub 2.0: \$2.5 million
- DuPage Challenge Grants: \$2 million
- Northern Illinois Food Bank produce: \$2 million
- Conservation Foundation Farm to Pantry:
\$322,000
- **Total proposed program: \$6,822,000**



Overview



- Funds available: \$8,743,750
- Program proposal: \$6,822,000
- Remaining: \$1,921,750





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Questions?