



Alexandria Emergency Support Food Security Grant



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the eligibility criteria to apply for a Food Security Grant?

Applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization, serve Alexandrians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, have existing food programming in the City of Alexandria, and have the ability to track funding expenditures and service delivery.

How do organizations apply?

Organizations can apply through ACT for Alexandria's grant management system, Foundant (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=actforalexandria>).

How is "existing food programming" defined?

Existing food programming is broadly defined and can include, but is not limited to, distributing meals or food, grocery gift card programs, nutrition programs, or other food supports. Note that any grocery gift card distribution will require additional reporting metrics.

What if an organization's current food programming also supports households living outside of the City of Alexandria?

Organizations with service areas including the City of Alexandria and beyond may apply for funding. However, grant funding may only support the portion of programming serving City of Alexandria residents. Grant funding is meant to support only those living in the City of Alexandria.

Can the grant fund food-related programming for those that are unhoused in Alexandria?

Yes, grant funding can support those that are unhoused. Zip code and household size data collection strategies will be reviewed with any selected grantees.

Can grant funds be used for other supports (e.g., utilities, rent) to free up funds for families to buy food?

Grant funds may only be used for food supports.

Will grantees be required to track client addresses?

Grantees will only be required to track and report on a household or family unit's zip code.

What are the grant reporting requirements?

Grantees will be required to submit quarterly fiscal reports and programmatic reports at regular intervals. Programmatic data may be reported in the aggregate and may include:

- The type and amount of food support
- Number of households served/family units
- Size of households served
- Household demographics (e.g., zip code, race, ethnicity)

Additional details will be provided during a grantee orientation meeting. Note that quarterly reports will be due in early October 2023, early January 2024, and early April 2024 (though reports may be submitted earlier in alignment with end of the grant period).

How many grants will be awarded and at what amount?

There is no pre-set determination on the number of grants that will be awarded. Organizations are encouraged to request the amount necessary to support and execute grant activities within the grant period (ending February 2024).

Is there a cap on the number of applications that will be accepted and what is the grant deadline?

There is no cap on the number of applications that will be accepted, and the grant deadline is August 24, 2023.

For what term should grant budgets be structured?

Grant budgets should be for a six-month duration.

When are award funds expected to be disbursed?

Funds will be disbursed in September.

Are there any specific requirements for meeting the "culturally sensitive food supply" goal?

No. However, application responses should demonstrate sufficient consideration in grant activities and proposed indicators of successful grant implementation.

Will there be a prioritization of application selection criteria?

No. Please see the info session [slide deck](#) for more information on selection criteria.

Will there be additional funding opportunities for grant activities beginning after September 2023 and continuing past February 2024?

There are currently no emergency support program funding opportunities beyond the grant deadline.