

Food Recovery Grants

Since 2012, StopWaste has offered grant funding for projects that aim to reduce the generation of wasted food. Since 2018, additional grant funding has been provided to help purchase equipment that ensures edible surplus food finds its way safely to people in need.

Through partnerships with local businesses, and community and faith-based organizations, these grant recipients help address food insecurity, one of the most pressing environmental and equity issues facing county residents. During the 2018-19 funding cycle, 16 completed projects recovered and distributed almost three million pounds of surplus edible food. This is the equivalent of 2.5 million meals to Alameda County residents, saving food that otherwise would have gone to waste.

Since 2012, StopWaste has provided over

\$700,000 in grant funding

to over 50 organizations,

which in turn have delivered more than
13.5 million meals

to people throughout Alameda County,
many of whom are unhoused.

Recently completed Food Recovery grant projects include:



Daily Bowl – Fremont, Hayward, Newark, San Leandro, Union City

Daily Bowl is a Union City based nonprofit that gleans surplus produce and groceries from farmers markets, farms, grocery stores, and restaurant wholesale distributors, and redistributes this surplus food to other nonprofits that serve low-income, vulnerable and under-resourced populations in the Tri-City areas of Fremont, Union City and Newark. During their grant period of July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020, Daily Bowl rescued and distributed more than 1.1 million pounds of produce and groceries, and 46,000 pounds of prepared food in Alameda County.



Hope 4 the Heart – Alameda County

Hope 4 the Heart serves over 14,000 local low-income families per month by providing food, produce, diapers, and household items. Grant funds were used to purchase a new box truck to support an increase of over 60,000 pounds per month of donated food from local stores, as well as the increased need for food delivery to low-income housing. During their grant period of August 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, Hope 4 the Heart rescued and distributed more than 83,000 pounds of produce and groceries in Alameda County.



Berkeley Food Network – Berkeley

BFN's Food Recovery Program is working to close the gap between the number of people in Berkeley experiencing food insecurity and available food-assistance services. During their grant period of August 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, Berkeley Food Network rescued and distributed roughly 160,000 pounds of produce and groceries in Alameda County.

Recently completed Surplus Food Donation Equipment grants include:



Tri-Valley Haven – Livermore

Now in their fourth decade, Tri-Valley Haven continues to be a vital community resource serving adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness. During their grant period of August 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, Tri-Valley Haven rescued and distributed roughly 396,000 pounds of produce and groceries in Alameda County.



Union City Family Center – Union City

Union City Family Center collaborates with educators, employers, public officials, social service providers, and community residents, to provide an integrated system of care from cradle to retirement. Union City Family Center used their equipment grant to scale the amount of surplus food recovered to feed people experiencing food insecurity while reducing the use of disposable transport packaging. During their grant period of August 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, Union City Family Center rescued and distributed more than 398,000 pounds of produce and non-perishable foods in Alameda County.



Dorothy Day House – Berkeley

Dorothy Day House in Berkeley is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization that for over 30 years has provided meals, shelter, and employment for low-income residents and people who experience homelessness in Berkeley. Dorothy Day House used their funds to purchase two commercial refrigerators and one commercial freezer to recover more surplus food. During their grant period of August 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, Dorothy Day House rescued and distributed roughly 66,000 pounds of produce and groceries in Alameda County.



Food of God – Oakland

Food of God used their grant funds to purchase reusable totes or bins, reusable coolers, and thermal blankets to recover surplus food to feed people experiencing food insecurity in downtown Oakland. In addition, Food of God used their COVID-19 emergency funds to purchase refrigeration and cold storage equipment to allow for storing and transporting increased donations at safe temperatures. During their grant period of August 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, Food of God rescued and distributed more than 66,000 pounds of produce and groceries in Alameda County.



Viola Blythe Community Center – Newark

Viola Blythe Community Service Center of Newark is a nonprofit, nonsectarian corporation supporting social and human services to any person who is in immediate need, helping thousands of homeless, hungry men, women and children over sixty years. The Center used their grant funds to purchase a freezer to recover and safely store surplus food to feed food insecure people. During their grant period of August 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020, Viola Blythe Community Center rescued and distributed roughly 25,000 pounds of produce and produce and groceries in Alameda County.

A complete list of Food Waste Prevention and Recovery grantees is available at:

<https://www.StopWaste.org/at-work/stopwaste-grants/previously-funded-grants>