



March 6, 2025

Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine testimony to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in support of LD 415, An Act to Support Hunger Prevention in Maine.

Good morning Senator Talbot Ross, Representative Pluecker, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,

My name is Heather Paquette and I am the President of Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine. Mainers Feeding Mainers is a Food Bank initiative that distributes nutritious foods to community pantries and neighbors experiencing food insecurity; provides a reliable source of income in advance of the growing season to nearly a hundred Maine farmers; and intentionally invests in the Maine agricultural sector.

**Since this impactful public/private partnership began in July 2010, the state of Maine has enabled the purchase and distribution of more than 28.8 million pounds of fresh Maine produce to households experiencing food insecurity across our state.**

I want to express our gratitude to Governor Mills, Commissioner Beal, and the current and previous legislatures, for investing \$1M each year in Mainers Feeding Mainers. DACF allocates these funds to us, and we pass on every cent to Mainers Feeding Mainers partners. I also want to thank Representative Annie Graham for her leadership and partnership on this bill.

LD 415 respectfully requests an additional \$1M per year of state investment in Mainers Feeding Mainers. This brings the total state investment in the program to \$2M annually, and Good Shepherd Food Bank will continue to raise and invest donor dollars. DACF funds are dedicated entirely to produce, while donor dollars allow us to purchase and distribute additional produce, seafood, local meat, grain, milk, cheese, eggs, and sauces from local producers.

The state set ambitious goals of ending hunger in Maine by 2030 by strengthening our response to food insecurity today and preventing food insecurity tomorrow, and increasing the proportion of locally sourced food consumed in the state to 30 percent. Mainers Feeding Mainers directly contributes to achieving both of these goals, as well as increasing nutrition food to people living in poverty and at higher risk of diet-related disease such as obesity and diabetes.

Our commitment to Mainers Feeding Mainers is unwavering. While sourcing produce from Philadelphia, Boston, and Canada can cost as little as \$.15 to \$0.35 per pound, we invest \$0.65

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per pound in Maine produce because we believe in investing in our local economy and supporting our community's farmers.

We understand the budgetary challenges you are facing; and at the Food Bank, we're facing our own. We're working within budgetary constraints that are also being experienced in nonprofits across the state and across the country. While we continued to be focused on fundraising, it is not realistic to expect that will pace with increased need and cost. Like you, we are managing our expenses carefully while ensuring that our financial stewardship aligns with our values. Our success, built on trust and partnership with the State of Maine, is fueled by a shared vision for a resilient and thriving future in our state.

One in eight people in Maine face hunger, including one in five children. This represents 13 percent of the state's population, compared to 11 percent last year. We are tasked with providing more food for more people with fewer resources.

My colleagues at food banks in other states are envious of our positive working relationship with elected officials. We do not take this for granted. I want to conclude by echoing my gratitude for your work and ask you for your support of LD 415.

Thank you.

In partnership,  
Heather Paquette  
President, Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine

Attachments:

- Chart demonstrating Mainers Feeding Mainers purchased produce, in pounds
- Good Shepherd Food Bank Mainers Feeding Mainers Farm and Producer Partners
- Good Shepherd Food Bank Partners Receiving Mainers Feeding Mainers Products
- Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine's testimony to AFA and ACF in support of LD 210
- Good Shepherd Food Bank Mainers Feeding Mainers Program Work Plan For DACF Contract Period April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025
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Safe Voices- Shelter (Auburn)	Crossroads Community Church	Care and Share Food Closet
Safe Voices- Shelter (Lewiston)	Crosswalk Community Outreach	Community Table Soup Kitchen
Seniors Plus MOW - Lewiston	Falmouth Food Pantry	FaithWorks Inc
Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry	First Assembly of God - Portland	Franklin Health Pediatrics
Sherwood Heights Elementary		Franklin Memorial Hospital Food Pantry
Spruce Mountain Primary School	First Congregational - New Gloucester	Living Waters Food Pantry
St. Mary's Food Pantry	Freeport Community Services	MaineHealth Food as Medicine Program
The Center for Wisdom's Women; Sophia's House	Gray / New Gloucester School System	Phillips Area Food Pantry
Trinity Jubilee Center	Gray Community Food Pantry	Rangeley Family Medicine
Turner Food Bank		RSU 9 Food Pantry at Mallett School
VCF - Bread of Life Food Pantry	Harrison Food Bank	Stratton-Eustis Food Pantry
Walton Elementary School	Judy's Pantry	Tri - Town Ministerial Food Cupboard
YWCA Central Maine	Locker Project	United Methodist Economic Ministry
<b>Aroostook</b>	Maine Medical Partners Lakes Region	
AAAA - Meals on Wheels	Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Food Pantry	
Adopt-A-Block of Aroostook	Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Satellite Distribution	
Ashland District School	Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Soup Kitchen	
Ashland Food Pantry (CCM)	Mid Coast Hunger School Pantry	
Caribou Ecumenical Food Pantry	My Place Teen Center	

Catholic Charities ME - Caribou	Pathway Vineyard Church - Brunswick	
First Baptist - New Sweden (The Lord's Pantry)	Preble Street Resource - Portland FP	
Fish River Rural Health	Preble Street Resource - Soup Kitchen	
Fish River Rural Health Fort Kent	Presente Maine	

<b>Hancock</b>	<b>Kennebec - Continued</b>	<b>Oxford - Continued</b>
Bar Harbor Food Pantry	Vassalboro Food Station Pantry	Servant's Heart Food Pantry
Blue Hill Hospital	Waterville Area Soup Kitchen	Southern Maine Agency on Aging - Rumford
Bread of Life Food Pantry	Waterville Junior High School	Stephens Memorial Hospital Food Pantry
Bucksport Community Concerns	Windsor Food Bank	Sumner Food Bank
Bucksport Health Center	Winslow Community Cupboard	Sweden Food Pantry
Common Good Soup Kitchen	Winthrop Food Pantry	<b>Penobscot</b>
Downeast Community Partners-Ellsworth	Winthrop Hot Meal Kitchen Inc	Bangor School Department (BGCB)
EAAA - Bar Harbor	AIO Food and Energy Assistance	Bangor YMCA
EAAA - Bar Harbor Housing	AIOFEA School Pantry	Blue Cross Food Cupboard
EAAA - Blue Hill	Bread for the Journey - Warren Food Pantry	Brewer Area Food Pantry - OHI
EAAA - Bucksport	Camden Area Christian Food Pantry	Burlington Food Pantry
EAAA - Deer Isle	Come Spring Food Pantry	Caring Community Cupboard
EAAA - Ellsworth	Pen Bay Medical Center	CHEFS
EAAA - Gouldsboro	Salvation Army - Rockland	Chester Baptist Food Pantry
Everybody Eats- Free Community Meal	St. Bernard Soup Kitchen	Christine B. Foundation
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry	St. George Community Cupboard	Clifton Community Food Bank
Maine Coast Pediatrics	Thomaston Inter-Church Fellowship Food Pantry	Corinna UMC Food Pantry
Open Table MDI	Vinalhaven Food Pantry	EAAA - Bangor
Tree of Life Food Pantry	Washington Food Bank	EAAA - Dexter
What's For Suppa? Food Pantry	<b>Lincoln</b>	EAAA - East Millinocket/Tri-Town
<b>Kennebec</b>	Help Yourself Shelf Food Pantry	EAAA - Enfield
Augusta Angel Food Network - South Parish	Jefferson Area Community Food Pantry	EAAA - Hampden
Augusta Food Bank	Medomak Valley High School	EAAA - Hermon
Belgrade - Rome Special Needs	New Harbor Food Pantry	EAAA - Kenduskeag
Belgrade Regional Health Center	Newcastle Ecumenical Food Pantry	EAAA - Lagrange
Bread of Life Ministries Soup Kitchen	Waldoboro Food Pantry	EAAA - Millinocket
Chelsea Elementary School	Whitefield Food Pantry	EAAA - Old Town - Rock Church
Chelsea Food Bank	Wiscasset Elementary School	EAAA- Corinth
China Community Food Pantry	Wiscasset High School / St. Philips FP	Eastern Maine Community College
Chrysalis Place - Gardiner Food Pantry	<b>Oxford</b>	Ecumenical Food Cupboard - Bangor
Clinton Community Food Bank	Adventist Community Services Soup Kitchen	Ella P. Burr Elementary School
Educare- Waterville	Agnes Gray Elementary	Family Food Pantry - Carmel
Faith Food Pantry	Andover Food Pantry	FUMC - Community Meal - Bangor
Fayette Baptist Church	Buckfield Food Pantry	Gateway Food Bank
First Baptist Church Food Pantry	Canton Baptist Church Food Pantry	Hampden Neighborhood Food Cupboard
Gardiner Schools/FFT School Pantry	Community Concepts (Primary)	Hichborn Middle School
George J. Mitchell School	Community Concepts (Secondary)	Indian Island School
Greater Waterville Area Food Pantry	Community Lunch - Norway	Kingman Elementary
Hall Dale Middle-High School	District Exchange Food Pantry	Lafayette Family Cancer Institute
Inland Hospital	Guy E. Rowe Elementary	Lincoln Regional Food Cupboard
Litchfield Food Bank	Lovell Area Food Pantry	Mattanawcook Junior High School
Loaves and Fishes - Albion Food Pantry	Meroby Elementary School	Mattawamkeag-Area Zion Pentecostal Food Pantry
North Monmouth Food Pantry	Mountain Valley High School	Millinocket Regional Hospital

Salvation Army - Augusta Food Pantry	North Fryeburg Community Chapel Food Pantry	Millinocket School Department
Sidney Second Baptist Food Pantry	Old School Food Pantry	MSAD 30
Spectrum Generations - Hallowell	Oxford Helping Hands Food Pantry	Newburgh Food Pantry
Woodstock Food Pantry	Oxford SDA Food Pantry	Nokomis High School
Spectrum Generations - Waterville	Pequawket Valley Health Initiatives	Oasis Food Pantry
St. John's Food Pantry - Corpus Christi Parish	Progress Center-Oxford Hills Comm. Kitchen	Old Town Elementary School (RSU 34)

<b><u>Penobscot- Continued</u></b>	<b><u>Waldo</u></b>	<b><u>York</u></b>
Partners for Peace	Belfast Soup Kitchen	Biddeford Food Pantry
<i>Patten Community Food Cupboard</i>	Crossroads Food Pantry	Biddeford Intermediate School
<i>Safe Place Community Outreach</i>	Donald J. Walker Health Center	Biddeford Middle School
Salvation Army - Bangor Food Pantry	Game Loft	Bon Appetit Meal Program
Samaritan, Inc	Greater Bay Area Ministerium	Church Community Outreach Services
St. Anne's - Penobscot Nation DHS	Jackson Food Pantry	Curtis Lake Church
St. Joseph Healthcare	Liberty Area Food Pantry	Food Mobile – York County
Tri - Town Baptist Food Pantry	Little River Church Food Pantry	Footprints Food Pantry
UMA Bangor	Maine Outreach	Hollis Center Church Food Pantry
University of Maine-Orono	Mt. View High School	Limington Orth. Pres. Church FP
Widows and Orphans Food Cupboard	Neighbor's Cupboard, Inc.	Neighbor's Food Pantry
<b><u>Piscataquis</u></b>	No Greater Love Food Pantry	North Berwick Food Pantry
Dover- Foxcroft	Palermo Food Pantry	Old Orchard Beach Community FP
Dyers Hope House	RSU 71	Old Orchard Beach Food Pantry
EAAA – Dover-Foxcroft	Searsport High School	Saco Food Pantry
EAAA – Milo	The Open Door	Saco Meals Program
May Regional Hospital	Volunteer Regional Food Pantry	Salvation Army – Old Orchard Beach
Milo Elementary School	Waldo Cap	Salvation Army - Sanford
Partnership Food Pantry – Guilford	Waldo County Medical Partners Family Medicine	Sanford School District
Piscataquis Regional Food Center	Waldo County Medical Partners Primary Care	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Biddeford
Riverbend Homes – Senior Housing	<b><u>Washington</u></b>	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Saco
SeDoMoCha Middle School	Cobscook High School	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Waterboro
UUC Sangerville Food Pantry	Downeast Community Partners – Machias	Southern Maine Health Behavioral Health & ED Sanford
<b><u>Sagadahoc</u></b>	EAAA – Calais	Southern Maine Health Medical Center
Bath Area Food Bank	EAAA – Cherryfield	Southern Maine Health Medical Center - ED
Bowdoinham Food Pantry	EAAA – Eastport	Spurwink Early Learning Center
Richmond Food Pantry	EAAA – Machias	St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry – Wells
<b><u>Somerset</u></b>	EAAA – Princeton	St. Matthew's Food Pantry
Athens Community School	EAAA – Lubec	Waterboro Community Food Pantry
Bingham Area Health Center	East Grand Health Center	York County Shelters Program - FP
Canaan Elementary	East Grand School	York County Shelters Program - Shelter
Carrabec Community School	Eastport Health Care, Inc.	Youth Full Maine
Carrabec High School	Eastport Health Care, Inc. – Machias	
CenterPoint Community Church	Edmunds Consolidated School	
Cornville Athens Community FC	Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical FP	
Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry	Jonesport Elementary School	
Harmony Cares Food Pantry	Labor of Love – Garrapy Food Pantry	
Kennebec Valley Community College	Lubec Community Outreach Center	
Madison Jr. High	Machias Food Pantry	
Moscow Elementary	Maine Seacoast Mission – Edge	

Palmyra Baptist Worship Center SK	Maine Seacoast Mission – Family Food Center Pantry	
People Who Care Food Cupboard	Mano en Mano Childcare	
Skowhegan Area Middle School	Town of Danforth Food Pantry	
Skowhegan Community Food Pantry	Washington County Community College	
Somerset Elementary School	Whiting Village School	
St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen		
St. Peter's Food Pantry		
Tri-Town Food Cupboard – Hartland		
Upper Valley Jr/Sr High School		

## Good Shepherd Food Bank Mainers Feeding Mainers Farm and Producer Partners

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*Cultivating Community	*Two Farmers Farm	*Middle Intervale Farm	*Four Waters Farm
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*Little Ridge Farm	Maine Food Group	*Swain Family Farm LLC	*The Buckle Farm
*New Roots Cooperative	<b>Franklin County</b>	*Weston Farm	<b>Washington County</b>
*OK Community Farm	*Conant Acres	<b>Penobscot County</b>	Cherryfield Foods
*R. Belanger & Sons	Riverweb Farm	Charleston Correctional Farm	Folklore Farm
*Somali Bantu Farm	<b>Hancock County</b>	*Jordan Farm/Greg Jordan	*The Snow Farm
*Spring Works	*Bar Harbor Farm	*Moodytown Gardens	Tide Mill Organic Farm
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*Irving Farm	*Emery Farm	W.A. Beans & Sons	
Mic Mac Farm	*Field of Greens	<b>Piscataquis County</b>	
*MSAD#1 School Garden	*The Farm	*Checkerberry Farm	
Smith Farm Inc.	*Wild Miller Farm	*Marr Pond Farm	
<b>Cumberland County</b>	<b>Knox County</b>	*Helios Horsepower Farm	
*Carlin Family Farm	*Maine Coast Heritage	*Ripley Farm	
Cozy Harbor Seafood	*Sani e Felici Farm	<b>Sagadahoc County</b>	
*Crystal Springs Farm	<b>Lincoln County</b>	*Fairwinds Farm LLC	
*Growing to Give	*Begin Again Farm	<b>Somerset County</b>	
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**Good Shepherd Food Bank**  
**Mainers Feeding Mainers Program Work Plan**  
**For Contract Period April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026**

**Narrative Summary of the Approach to Meeting Program Requirements**

Good Shepherd Food Bank's Mainers Feeding Mainers (MFM) program was formed 15 years ago with the dual purpose of supporting Maine's food production infrastructure, while also providing nutritious, fresh food to Maine's statewide emergency food distribution network. The program has grown and expanded to include 93 Maine farmers and food producers, and currently provides food to emergency relief organizations in all 16 counties of the state, totaling 600 emergency food distribution organizations.

Since its inception, MFM has expanded beyond getting local produce to food pantries. Through collaborations with processors such as Pineland Dairy Farm, Oakhurst Dairy, Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, W.A. Bean and Maine Grains, cheese, milk, fish, flour, oats, bread and meat products are now available for our network agencies. We also remain committed to partnering with underserved farmers and producers especially BIPOC farmers. MFM works with more than 22 BIPOC growers who provide both traditional Maine crops and culturally relevant crops for BIPOC communities. This past grant period these growers provided more than **145,000 lbs.** of culturally relevant crops that were distributed directly from their farms to community pantries who serve our ethnic population. This is a 190% increase over what they produced in 2023.

Since Mainers Feeding Mainers was launched, the program has influenced a fundamental change to the nutritional quality of food distributed to Network Agencies. Using MFM as a starting point, GSFb has steadily increased the amount of healthy produce distributed to food insecure Mainers across all GSFb food channels. In 2010, GSFb's fresh produce distribution totaled just **2 million pounds**. In 2024, GSFb's fresh produce distribution totaled **17.2 million pounds**, or a 760% increase. During this time, the percentage of healthy fruits and vegetables relative to total food distributed has increased from 19% to 39%.

Mainers Feeding Mainers will soon begin its 15th growing season since the program was created. In looking back over the past 14 years, we have much to celebrate. The program began with 9 Maine farmers/producers and today has more than 90. Since its inception, we have distributed more than **26 million lbs.** of fresh, local produce to more than 600 food pantries, meal sites, school pantries, and healthcare partners in Maine. With the help of the Department of Agriculture, we have been able to invest more than **\$13.9 million** back into the Maine AG economy.



**Goals for New Contract Period**

For the full FY2025-26 contract period, MFM expects to source and distribute 3+ million pounds of Maine fruits, vegetables, seafood, dairy, and other products.

For the FY2023-24 contract period, (April 1, 2023, thru March 31, 2024), the Mainers Feeding Mainers program has sourced and distributed 3.7 million pounds of Maine fruits, vegetables, seafood, dairy, and other local products. Of this total distribution, 1.4 million pounds were purchased with funds from the current DACF contract.

<b>Mainers Feeding Mainers Program Actual Distribution April 1, 2023- March 31, 2024</b>				
Type	Distributed with DACF Funds \$	Distributed with DACF Funds #	Distributed with other MFM funds \$	Distributed with other MFM funds # (lbs.)
Maine Produce	\$1,000,000	1,408,451	\$1,598,569.78	2,251,507
Maine Seafood	\$0	0 lbs.	\$0	16,846
Maine Dairy	\$0	0 lbs.	\$82,378.89	64,063
Other Maine Food Products	\$0	0 lbs.	\$51,562.50	12,744

MFM expects to distribute product primarily through our traditional food pantry and other emergency food distribution partners (80 – 90%), followed by school and youth programs (5% - 10%), health care organizations (0% - 5%), and other miscellaneous network partners (0 – 5%).

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### Determining food distribution channel participants

Funding from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) requires that food purchased with DACF funds is provided to partnering food pantries at no charge and that the food will be made available in every county.

Local produce is distributed through two channels: Farm-to-Warehouse, where farm partners supply products to the GSFB's warehouses for broad distribution, and Farm-to-Pantry, where farm partners directly supply products to local food pantries for community distribution by the food pantry. 40% of MFM products are delivered via the Farm-to-Pantry model, and the remaining 60% are delivered via the Farm-to-Warehouse model.

The Farm-to-Pantry channel allows MFM to contract with smaller growers and to distribute product more efficiently to network partners located further from the GSFB's distribution

centers. Currently, 60 of our farms follow the Farm-to-Pantry distribution model and are serving 200 network partners with product directly from farms.

Farm-to-Warehouse participants are typically larger farms that provide products such as root crops that can be stored for extended periods of time. These Farm-to-Warehouse farms may either deliver to GSFb's Auburn and Hampden facilities, or GSFb may pick up product at these farms.

Identifying farm partners for the Farm-to-Pantry model is more complicated and starts by identifying the areas in Maine that have the highest percentage of food insecure individuals. The MFM Program Manager then determines if existing Network Agencies have interest and capacity to distribute fresh product in the identified communities. If appropriate Network Agencies are identified, the MFM Program Manager solicits local farmers in those areas to determine interest in becoming a MFM Farm-to-Pantry partner. Once a farm has confirmed their willingness to participate, the local food Network Agencies are partnered with each farmer.

Farmers may also apply to become a MFM partner thru GSFb's website.

Applications are reviewed by the MFM Program Manager to determine if the farm is in an area/region of the state that is underserved, or if additional farm partners are needed in that community.

Applications may not be accepted due to several reasons. Reasons include lack of need for additional farm capacity in farmer's community, lack of network partners in their area, low demand for products produced, or inability to negotiate mutually acceptable pricing.

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Spectrum Generations - Waterville	Pequawket Valley Health Initiatives	Oasis Food Pantry
St. John's Food Pantry - Corpus Christi Parish	Progress Center-Oxford Hills Comm. Kitchen	Old Town Elementary School (RSU 34)

<b>Penobscot- Continued</b>	<b>Waldo</b>	<b>York</b>
Partners for Peace	Belfast Soup Kitchen	Biddeford Food Pantry
<i>Patten Community Food Cupboard</i>	Crossroads Food Pantry	Biddeford Intermediate School
<i>Safe Place Community Outreach</i>	Donald J. Walker Health Center	Biddeford Middle School
Salvation Army - Bangor Food Pantry	Game Loft	Bon Appetit Meal Program
Samaritan, Inc	Greater Bay Area Ministerium	Church Community Outreach Services
St. Anne's - Penobscot Nation DHS	Jackson Food Pantry	Curtis Lake Church
St. Joseph Healthcare	Liberty Area Food Pantry	Food Mobile - York County
Tri - Town Baptist Food Pantry	Little River Church Food Pantry	Footprints Food Pantry
UMA Bangor	Maine Outreach	Hollis Center Church Food Pantry
University of Maine-Orono	Mt. View High School	Limington Orth. Pres. Church FP
Widows and Orphans Food Cupboard	Neighbor's Cupboard, Inc.	Neighbor's Food Pantry
<b>Piscataquis</b>	No Greater Love Food Pantry	North Berwick Food Pantry
Dover- Foxcroft	Palermo Food Pantry	Old Orchard Beach Community FP
Dyers Hope House	RSU 71	Old Orchard Beach Food Pantry
EAAA - Dover-Foxcroft	Searsport High School	Saco Food Pantry
EAAA - Milo	The Open Door	Saco Meals Program
May Regional Hospital	Volunteer Regional Food Pantry	Salvation Army - Old Orchard Beach
Milo Elementary School	Waldo Cap	Salvation Army - Sanford
Partnership Food Pantry - Guilford	Waldo County Medical Partners Family Medicine	Sanford School District
Piscataquis Regional Food Center	Waldo County Medical Partners Primary Care	Southern Maine Agency on Aging - Biddeford

Riverbend Homes – Senior Housing	<b>Washington</b>	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Saco
SeDoMoCha Middle School	Cobscook High School	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Waterboro
UUC Sangerville Food Pantry	Downeast Community Partners – Machias	Southern Maine Health Behavioral Health & ED Sanford
<b>Sagadahoc</b>	EAAA – Calais	Southern Maine Health Medical Center
Bath Area Food Bank	EAAA – Cherryfield	Southern Maine Health Medical Center - ED
Bowdoinham Food Pantry	EAAA – Eastport	Spurwink Early Learning Center
Richmond Food Pantry	EAAA – Machias	St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry – Wells
<b>Somerset</b>	EAAA – Princeton	St. Matthew's Food Pantry
Athens Community School	EAAA – Lubec	Waterboro Community Food Pantry
Bingham Area Health Center	East Grand Health Center	York County Shelters Program - FP
Canaan Elementary	East Grand School	York County Shelters Program - Shelter
Carrabec Community School	Eastport Health Care, Inc.	Youth Full Maine
Carrabec High School	Eastport Health Care, Inc. – Machias	
CenterPoint Community Church	Edmunds Consolidated School	
Cornville Athens Community FC	Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical FP	
Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry	Jonesport Elementary School	
Harmony Cares Food Pantry	Labor of Love – Garrapy Food Pantry	
Kennebec Valley Community College	Lubec Community Outreach Center	
Madison Jr. High	Machias Food Pantry	
Moscow Elementary	Maine Seacoast Mission – Edge	
Palmyra Baptist Worship Center SK	Maine Seacoast Mission – Family Food Center Pantry	
People Who Care Food Cupboard	Mano en Mano Childcare	
Skowhegan Area Middle School	Town of Danforth Food Pantry	
Skowhegan Community Food Pantry	Washington County Community College	
Somerset Elementary School	Whiting Village School	
St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen		
St. Peter's Food Pantry		
Tri-Town Food Cupboard – Hartland		
Upper Valley Jr/Sr High School		

### Calendar of Key Actions and Events

The MFM Program Manager meets with the farm partners during the winter and early spring to establish written commitments in the form of flexible Letters of Understanding (LOU) with each farm partner. These LOUs specify the products to be grown, estimated volumes and prices, and delivery methods. The Food Bank guarantees the total revenue stated in the LOU, unless a farmer is unable to provide any product.

Throughout the growing season, the MFM Program Manager stays in regular contact with each farmer. GSFB will amend the LOU's to meet the farmer's needs, if product availability or market pricing changes, or the farm has product available to donate.

Farms invoice the Food Bank as product is transferred (either via delivery, pick-up, or partner delivery). The Food Bank pays these invoices typically within 15 days of invoice receipt. Farm-to-Pantry produce is delivered according to a schedule agreed upon between the farmer and the partner agency. Farm-to-Warehouse produce is made available to all network partners via the GSFB online shopping portal. Regardless of distribution channel, all MFM produce is provided at no cost to partners.

**Anticipated reporting dates.**

- GSFB will provide an annual report to the Department by January 31, 2026 which will include information about program operations, financing, outreach, and impact.

**Anticipated Budget**

Budget Category	Quarter 1 4/1/25 – 6/30/25 (Projected)	Quarter 2 7/1/25 – 9/30/25 (Projected)	Quarter 3 10/1/25 – 12/31/25 (Projected)	Quarter 4 1/1/26 – 3/31/26 (Projected)	Total Contract Period 4/1/2025- 3/31/2026	Non DACF Funds 4/1/2025- 3/31/2026
Purchase of Maine Produce	\$130,000	\$700,000	\$170,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,275,000
Purchase of Other Food Items	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Other Direct Program Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,775,000</b>

**Explanation of Budget**

MFM is supported thru a combination of \$1 million of funding from DACF, supplemented with funding from GSFB donors, as well as food donations from MFM farm partners.

1. Purchase of Maine produce

For the year ending March 31, 2026, Good Shepherd Food Bank plans to source 3 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables from Maine farms at a total cost of \$2,275,000. DACF funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be used to fund a portion of produce purchases, with the balance of funding coming from GSFB donors. Approximately 1.3 million pounds (40%) will be delivered via the Farm-to-Pantry channel, while approximately 1.7 million pounds (60%) will be distributed thru the Farm-to-Warehouse model.

2. Purchase of non-produce sourced from Maine farms

In addition to produce, MFM will purchase seafood, local meats, grains, milk, cheese, eggs, and processed shelf-stable sauces from local producers during this time. These purchases will total 400,000 pounds, at an expected cost of \$500,000. **No DACF funds will be used to purchase non-produce items.**

3. Direct program salaries and benefits

All non-food MFM costs, including salaries, benefits, and other direct and indirect costs, will be paid for using non-DACF funds.

4. Other direct program costs

See #3.

5. Product distribution

See #3.

6. Indirect cost allocation

See #3.



**Good Shepherd Food Bank**  
**Mainers Feeding Mainers Program Work Plan**  
**For Contract Period April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026**

**Narrative Summary of the Approach to Meeting Program Requirements**

Good Shepherd Food Bank's Mainers Feeding Mainers (MFM) program was formed 15 years ago with the dual purpose of supporting Maine's food production infrastructure, while also providing nutritious, fresh food to Maine's statewide emergency food distribution network. The program has grown and expanded to include 93 Maine farmers and food producers, and currently provides food to emergency relief organizations in all 16 counties of the state, totaling 600 emergency food distribution organizations.

Since its inception, MFM has expanded beyond getting local produce to food pantries. Through collaborations with processors such as Pineland Dairy Farm, Oakhurst Dairy, Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, W.A. Bean and Maine Grains, cheese, milk, fish, flour, oats, bread and meat products are now available for our network agencies. We also remain committed to partnering with underserved farmers and producers especially BIPOC farmers. MFM works with more than 22 BIPOC growers who provide both traditional Maine crops and culturally relevant crops for BIPOC communities. This past grant period these growers provided more than **145,000 lbs.** of culturally relevant crops that were distributed directly from their farms to community pantries who serve our ethnic population. This is a 190% increase over what they produced in 2023.

Since Mainers Feeding Mainers was launched, the program has influenced a fundamental change to the nutritional quality of food distributed to Network Agencies. Using MFM as a starting point, GSFb has steadily increased the amount of healthy produce distributed to food insecure Mainers across all GSFb food channels. In 2010, GSFb's fresh produce distribution totaled just **2 million pounds**. In 2024, GSFb's fresh produce distribution totaled **17.2 million pounds**, or a 760% increase. During this time, the percentage of healthy fruits and vegetables relative to total food distributed has increased from 19% to 39%.

Mainers Feeding Mainers will soon begin its 15th growing season since the program was created. In looking back over the past 14 years, we have much to celebrate. The program began with 9 Maine farmers/producers and today has more than 90. Since its inception, we have distributed more than **26 million lbs.** of fresh, local produce to more than 600 food pantries, meal sites, school pantries, and healthcare partners in Maine. With the help of the Department of Agriculture, we have been able to invest more than **\$13.9 million** back into the Maine AG economy.

**Goals for New Contract Period**

For the full FY2025-26 contract period, MFM expects to source and distribute 3+ million pounds of Maine fruits, vegetables, seafood, dairy, and other products.

For the FY2023-24 contract period, (April 1, 2023, thru March 31, 2024), the Mainers Feeding Mainers program has sourced and distributed 3.7 million pounds of Maine fruits, vegetables, seafood, dairy, and other local products. Of this total distribution, 1.4 million pounds were purchased with funds from the current DACF contract.

<b>Mainers Feeding Mainers Program Actual Distribution April 1, 2023- March 31, 2024</b>				
Type	Distributed with DACF Funds \$	Distributed with DACF Funds #	Distributed with other MFM funds \$	Distributed with other MFM funds # (lbs.)
Maine Produce	\$1,000,000	1,408,451	\$1,598,569.78	2,251,507
Maine Seafood	\$0	0 lbs.	\$0	16,846
Maine Dairy	\$0	0 lbs.	\$82,378.89	64,063
Other Maine Food Products	\$0	0 lbs.	\$51,562.50	12,744

MFM expects to distribute product primarily through our traditional food pantry and other emergency food distribution partners (80 – 90%), followed by school and youth programs (5% - 10%), health care organizations (0% - 5%), and other miscellaneous network partners (0 – 5%).

**MFM Farm and Producer Partners**

Through MFM purchase agreements and donations, Maine farms, dairies, fisheries, and other local producers located in all 16 counties will partner with Mainers Feeding Mainers in FY 2025-2026. Following is a list of Farm Partners by county, asterisks indicate the Farm Partners which received payments for MFM purchases funded with DACF funds.

<b>Androscoggin County</b>	<b>Cumberland County</b>	<b>Oxford County</b>	<b>Somerset County</b>
*Bell Farms	Oakhurst Dairy	*Baker Hill Bees & Garden	*Sweet Land Farm
*Berry Fruit Farm	*Pineland Farm Vegetables	*Chapman Brook Farm	<b>Waldo County</b>
Chipman Farm	*Replenoa Farm	*Cooper Farm	*Calyx Farm
*Chirp Creek Farm	*River Run Farm	*Flood Zone Farm	*Community Harvest
*Cultivating Community	*Two Farmers Farm	*Middle Intervale Farm	*Four Waters Farm
Hillandale Farms	*Wolfe's Neck Farm	*Sparrowhawk Orchard	*Hall Brook Farm
*Little Ridge Farm	Maine Food Group	*Swain Family Farm LLC	*The Buckle Farm
*New Roots Cooperative	<b>Franklin County</b>	*Weston Farm	<b>Washington County</b>
*OK Community Farm	*Conant Acres	<b>Penobscot County</b>	Cherryfield Foods
*R. Belanger & Sons	Riverweb Farm	Charleston Correctional Farm	Folklore Farm
*Somali Bantu Farm	<b>Hancock County</b>	*Jordan Farm/Greg Jordan	*The Snow Farm
Spring Works	*Bar Harbor Farm	Moodytown Gardens	Tide Mill Organic Farm
Stukas Orchard	*Beech Hill Farm	*Pineland Farm Dairy	<b>York County</b>
<b>Aroostook County</b>	*Horsepower Farm	*Rowe Orchards	*Anderson Farms
*Circle B Farm	*King Hill Farm	*The Lion's Farm	*Spiller Farm
*Farm 4 ME	<b>Kennebec County</b>	*Thomas Vegetable Farm	*Wolfe Pine Farm
*Irving Farm	*Emery Farm	W.A. Beans & Sons	
Mic Mac Farm	*Field of Greens	<b>Piscataquis County</b>	
*MSAD#1 School Garden	*The Farm	*Checkerberry Farm	
Smith Farm Inc.	*Wild Miller Farm	*Marr Pond Farm	
<b>Cumberland County</b>	<b>Knox County</b>	*Helios Horsepower Farm	
*Carlin Family Farm	*Maine Coast Heritage	*Ripley Farm	
Cozy Harbor Seafood		<b>Sagadahoc County</b>	
*Crystal Springs Farm	<b>Lincoln County</b>	*Fairwinds Farm LLC	
*Growing to Give	*Begin Again Farm	<b>Somerset County</b>	
*Jordan's Farm	*County Fair Farm	Backyard Farms	
Maine Coast Fishermen	*Goranson Farm	Dasher Farm	
*Mayberry Farm	*Spear Farm	*Jolly Eco Farm	
*Nova Seafood	*Twin Villages Farm	*Moore Farm	
		Shady Maple Farm	

### Determining food distribution channel participants

Funding from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) requires that food purchased with DACF funds is provided to partnering food pantries at no charge and that the food will be made available in every county.

Local produce is distributed through two channels: Farm-to-Warehouse, where farm partners supply products to the GSFB's warehouses for broad distribution, and Farm-to-Pantry, where farm partners directly supply products to local food pantries for community distribution by the food pantry. 40% of MFM products are delivered via the Farm-to-Pantry model, and the remaining 60% are delivered via the Farm-to-Warehouse model.

The Farm-to-Pantry channel allows MFM to contract with smaller growers and to distribute product more efficiently to network partners located further from the GSFB's distribution

centers. Currently, 60 of our farms follow the Farm-to-Pantry distribution model and are serving 200 network partners with product directly from farms.

Farm-to-Warehouse participants are typically larger farms that provide products such as root crops that can be stored for extended periods of time. These Farm-to-Warehouse farms may either deliver to GSFb's Auburn and Hampden facilities, or GSFb may pick up product at these farms.

Identifying farm partners for the Farm-to-Pantry model is more complicated and starts by identifying the areas in Maine that have the highest percentage of food insecure individuals. The MFM Program Manager then determines if existing Network Agencies have interest and capacity to distribute fresh product in the identified communities. If appropriate Network Agencies are identified, the MFM Program Manager solicits local farmers in those areas to determine interest in becoming a MFM Farm-to-Pantry partner. Once a farm has confirmed their willingness to participate, the local food Network Agencies are partnered with each farmer.

Farmers may also apply to become a MFM partner thru GSFb's website.

Applications are reviewed by the MFM Program Manager to determine if the farm is in an area/region of the state that is underserved, or if additional farm partners are needed in that community.

Applications may not be accepted due to several reasons. Reasons include lack of need for additional farm capacity in farmer's community, lack of network partners in their area, low demand for products produced, or inability to negotiate mutually acceptable pricing.

**GSFB Partners Receiving Mainers Feeding Mainers Program Products**  
(Funding through any/all MFM funding sources)

<u>Androscoggin</u>	<u>Aroostook Continued</u>	<u>Cumberland Continued</u>
Calvary UMC - City Mission Project	Fish River Rural Health Madawaska	Project FEED Inc
Community Baptist Church Food Pantry	Katahdin Elementary School	Raymond Food Pantry
Edward Little High School	Limestone Community School	Root Cellar - Portland
Farwell Elementary School	Northern Light Fort Fairfield Clinic	Root Cellar - Portland
Franklin School	Northern Maine Community College	Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Food Pantry
Greene Baptist Church Food Pantry	Orient Food Pantry (CCM)	Salvation Army - Portland Food Pantry
High Street Cong'l Church Food Pantry	Southern Aroostook Community School	Sebago Warming Hut
Hope House Network	St. Gerard - Mt Carmel SJ and P (CCM)	South Portland Food Cupboard
Leeds Food Pantry	St. Joseph Parish Food Pantry - Sinclair (CCM)	Southern Maine Community College
Lewiston Middle School	St. Mary's Food Pantry - Houlton (CCM)	St. Joseph Food Pantry - Bridgton
Lisbon Area Christian Outreach	St. Peter Chanel Food Pantry (CCM)	St. Luke's Food Pantry
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry - Sabattus	St. Thomas Aquinas / St. David Parish (CCM)	St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen
Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services	Town of Haynesville Food Pantry (CCM)	Standish Food Pantry
Masjid al Salaam	United Baptist Food Pantry	Sleep Falls Country Church Soup Kitchen
Montello Elementary School	Wytopitlock Food Pantry (CCM)	Stroudwater Christian Church Food Pantry
New Beginnings Outreach Program	<b>Cumberland</b>	United Methodist Good Fellowship - Naples FP
New Beginnings Shelter	Amistad Inc.	University of Southern Maine
PAL- Police Activities League	Bridgton Food Pantry	Wayside Food Pantry

Pathway Vineyard Church Food Pantry	Casco Alliance Church Food Pantry	Westbrook Community Food and Resource Center
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Spectrum Generations - Hallowell	Oxford Helping Hands Food Pantry	Newburgh Food Pantry
Woodstock Food Pantry	Oxford SDA Food Pantry	Nokomis High School
Spectrum Generations - Waterville	Pequawket Valley Health Initiatives	Oasis Food Pantry
St. John's Food Pantry - Corpus Christi Parish	Progress Center-Oxford Hills Comm. Kitchen	Old Town Elementary School (RSU 34)

<b>Penobscot- Continued</b>	<b>Waldo</b>	<b>York</b>
Partners for Peace	Belfast Soup Kitchen	Biddeford Food Pantry
<i>Patten Community Food Cupboard</i>	Crossroads Food Pantry	Biddeford Intermediate School
<i>Safe Place Community Outreach</i>	Donald J. Walker Health Center	Biddeford Middle School
Salvation Army - Bangor Food Pantry	Game Loft	Bon Appetit Meal Program
Samaritan, Inc	Greater Bay Area Ministerium	Church Community Outreach Services
St. Anne's - Penobscot Nation DHS	Jackson Food Pantry	Curtis Lake Church
St. Joseph Healthcare	Liberty Area Food Pantry	Food Mobile – York County
Tri - Town Baptist Food Pantry	Little River Church Food Pantry	Footprints Food Pantry
UMA Bangor	Maine Outreach	Hollis Center Church Food Pantry
University of Maine-Orono	Mt. View High School	Limington Orth. Pres. Church FP
Widows and Orphans Food Cupboard	Neighbor's Cupboard, Inc.	Neighbor's Food Pantry
<b>Piscataquis</b>	No Greater Love Food Pantry	North Berwick Food Pantry
Dover- Foxcroft	Palermo Food Pantry	Old Orchard Beach Community FP
Dyers Hope House	RSU 71	Old Orchard Beach Food Pantry
EAAA – Dover-Foxcroft	Searsport High School	Saco Food Pantry
EAAA – Milo	The Open Door	Saco Meals Program
May Regional Hospital	Volunteer Regional Food Pantry	Salvation Army – Old Orchard Beach
Milo Elementary School	Waldo Cap	Salvation Army - Sanford
Partnership Food Pantry – Guilford	Waldo County Medical Partners Family Medicine	Sanford School District
Piscataquis Regional Food Center	Waldo County Medical Partners Primary Care	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Biddeford

Riverbend Homes – Senior Housing	<b>Washington</b>	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Saco
SeDoMoCha Middle School	Cobscook High School	Southern Maine Agency on Aging – Waterboro
UUC Sangerville Food Pantry	Downeast Community Partners – Machias	Southern Maine Health Behavioral Health & ED Sanford
<b>Sagadahoc</b>	EAAA – Calais	Southern Maine Health Medical Center
Bath Area Food Bank	EAAA – Cherryfield	Southern Maine Health Medical Center - ED
Bowdoinham Food Pantry	EAAA – Eastport	Spurwink Early Learning Center
Richmond Food Pantry	EAAA – Machias	St. Mary's Ecumenical Food Pantry – Wells
<b>Somerset</b>	EAAA – Princeton	St. Matthew's Food Pantry
Athens Community School	EAAA – Lubec	Waterboro Community Food Pantry
Bingham Area Health Center	East Grand Health Center	York County Shelters Program - FP
Canaan Elementary	East Grand School	York County Shelters Program - Shelter
Carrabec Community School	Eastport Health Care, Inc.	Youth Full Maine
Carrabec High School	Eastport Health Care, Inc. – Machias	
CenterPoint Community Church	Edmunds Consolidated School	
Cornville Athens Community FC	Irene Chadbourne Ecumenical FP	
Fairfield Interfaith Food Pantry	Jonesport Elementary School	
Harmony Cares Food Pantry	Labor of Love – Garrapy Food Pantry	
Kennebec Valley Community College	Lubec Community Outreach Center	
Madison Jr. High	Machias Food Pantry	
Moscow Elementary	Maine Seacoast Mission – Edge	
Palmyra Baptist Worship Center SK	Maine Seacoast Mission – Family Food Center Pantry	
People Who Care Food Cupboard	Mano en Mano Childcare	
Skowhegan Area Middle School	Town of Danforth Food Pantry	
Skowhegan Community Food Pantry	Washington County Community College	
Somerset Elementary School	Whiting Village School	
St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen		
St. Peter's Food Pantry		
Tri-Town Food Cupboard – Hartland		
Upper Valley Jr/Sr High School		

### Calendar of Key Actions and Events

The MFM Program Manager meets with the farm partners during the winter and early spring to establish written commitments in the form of flexible Letters of Understanding (LOU) with each farm partner. These LOUs specify the products to be grown, estimated volumes and prices, and delivery methods. The Food Bank guarantees the total revenue stated in the LOU, unless a farmer is unable to provide any product.

Throughout the growing season, the MFM Program Manager stays in regular contact with each farmer. GSFb will amend the LOU's to meet the farmer's needs, if product availability or market pricing changes, or the farm has product available to donate.

Farms invoice the Food Bank as product is transferred (either via delivery, pick-up, or partner delivery). The Food Bank pays these invoices typically within 15 days of invoice receipt. Farm-to-Pantry produce is delivered according to a schedule agreed upon between the farmer and the partner agency. Farm-to-Warehouse produce is made available to all network partners via the GSFb online shopping portal. Regardless of distribution channel, all MFM produce is provided at no cost to partners.

**Anticipated reporting dates.**

- GSFb will provide an annual report to the Department by January 31, 2026 which will include information about program operations, financing, outreach, and impact.

**Anticipated Budget**

Budget Category	Quarter 1 4/1/25 – 6/30/25 (Projected)	Quarter 2 7/1/25 – 9/30/25 (Projected)	Quarter 3 10/1/25 – 12/31/25 (Projected)	Quarter 4 1/1/26 – 3/31/26 (Projected)	Total Contract Period 4/1/2025- 3/31/2026	Non DACF Funds 4/1/2025- 3/31/2026
Purchase of Maine Produce	\$130,000	\$700,000	\$170,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,275,000
Purchase of Other Food Items	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Other Direct Program Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$170,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,775,000</b>

**Explanation of Budget**

MFM is supported thru a combination of \$1 million of funding from DACF, supplemented with funding from GSFb donors, as well as food donations from MFM farm partners.

1. Purchase of Maine produce

For the year ending March 31, 2026, Good Shepherd Food Bank plans to source 3 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables from Maine farms at a total cost of \$2,275,000. DACF funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 will be used to fund a portion of produce purchases, with the balance of funding coming from GSFb donors. Approximately 1.3 million pounds (40%) will be delivered via the Farm-to-Pantry channel, while approximately 1.7 million pounds (60%) will be distributed thru the Farm-to-Warehouse model.

2. Purchase of non-produce sourced from Maine farms

In addition to produce, MFM will purchase seafood, local meats, grains, milk, cheese, eggs, and processed shelf-stable sauces from local producers during this time. These purchases will total 400,000 pounds, at an expected cost of \$500,000. **No DACF funds will be used to purchase non-produce items.**



3. Direct program salaries and benefits

All non-food MFM costs, including salaries, benefits, and other direct and indirect costs, will be paid for using non-DACF funds.

4. Other direct program costs

See #3.

5. Product distribution

See #3.

6. Indirect cost allocation

See #3.