

## 2024 Feeding the Future Grant Guidelines

### What is Feeding the Future?

Feeding the Future is a grant program facilitated by the Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan Agent Charitable Fund (ACF). This program awards grants to local nonprofits and school districts with programs aimed at combatting food insecurity among Michigan children and families. \$100,000 will be awarded in 2024 at the discretion of the Grant Fulfillment Committee and grants can be awarded up to \$3,000 each application.

### Who is eligible to receive funding?

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve Michiganders
- Michigan public, private or charter school districts who are considered tax exempt by the IRS
  - *Please note – **only first-year agents can nominate a school district to receive funding through Feeding the Future.** All other school district nominations must be routed through Agents for Change.*

### What types of programs do you fund?

The ACF funds programs that reduce food insecurity for children and/or families. **Preference is given to requests that directly purchase and distribute food in the community.** Grantable programs or projects include but are not limited to:

- Mobile or standalone food pantries
- Nutritional education related to immediate food assistance
- Backpack, after school, or snack programs
- Infrastructure requests may be considered *only if they directly relate to immediate or upcoming food distribution, and the request still includes a food purchasing component (ex – purchasing freezers to increase frozen storage capacity, and then purchasing meat to fill those freezers)*

### The ACF is unable to fund the following:

- Programs that are based or serve clients outside of Michigan
- Programs that do not directly distribute food in the community (ex – paying off lunch debt, requesting funds for a hunger-relief donation match, requesting funds for clothing, shelter, or personal needs, etc.)
- Individuals, including scholarships, loans, sponsorships, or endowments.
- Scientific research
- Organizations who limit services to members of one religious group or whose services propagate religious faith or creed.
- Political organizations and those having the primary purpose of influencing legislation or promoting an ideological view.

### How do I apply?

1. **Feeding the Future grant applications must be initiated by a Farm Bureau Insurance (FBI) agent.** Preference is given to agents who have donated to the ACF in the current calendar year. Local hunger-relief organizations are encouraged to reach out to an FBI agent in their area to share their funding idea and request the agent’s partnership in applying.
2. The FBI agent will visit [www.endhungerinmichigan.org/grants](http://www.endhungerinmichigan.org/grants) to start the application and complete the agent section. All sections must be completed thoroughly, even if the agent has received a grant before. At the end of the section, the agent will provide the name and email address for a site contact at the nominated organization.
3. Once the agent section is complete, the site contact will receive an email to complete their section. Site contacts must provide clear program purpose, goals, budget, timeline, and information related to their program.
4. Once both sections are completed and submitted, the application will be considered complete.
  - a. *Grants may be awarded based on the following criteria, including but not limited to – clarity of program request, community demographics, innovative programs or new initiatives, timeline for utilization, number of persons impacted, budget and agent involvement.*

### What is the evaluation process?

Grants will be evaluated and awarded six times a year by a committee of ACF donors based on the schedule below. Please note that the completion of an application does not guarantee that the application will be selected for a grant. If an application is not selected, the Grant Fulfillment Committee will provide feedback to the applicants and invite them to rewrite and resubmit their request.

**An organization may not receive more than one Feeding the Future grant per year.** Agents may nominate multiple organizations each year but are requested not to submit one more than one application each cycle. If there are remaining and/or additional funds at the end of the year, disbursements may be made at the discretion of the Grant Fulfillment Committee.

The 2024 grant application will open in early January. All grant applications must be completed at [www.endhungerinmichigan.org/grants](http://www.endhungerinmichigan.org/grants).

| Round | Submission Deadline       | Award Notification        |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1     | Friday, February 2, 2024  | Friday, February 16, 2024 |
| 2     | Friday, April 5, 2024     | Friday, April 19, 2024    |
| 3     | Friday, June 7, 2024      | Friday, June 21, 2024     |
| 4     | Friday, August 2, 2024    | Friday, August 16, 2024   |
| 5     | Friday, October 4, 2024   | Friday, October 18, 2024  |
| 6     | Friday, November 15, 2024 | Friday, December 6, 2024  |

### Who do I contact if I have questions?

Please contact the Agent Charitable Fund Manager at [agentcharitablefund@fbinsmi.com](mailto:agentcharitablefund@fbinsmi.com).