

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY

2026 State of NJ Grant RFP

Funding Request Overview and Guidelines

The Community FoodBank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) invites organizations located in **Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union counties** to submit proposals for capacity-building funding. The purpose of this grant opportunity is to strengthen organizational capacity so that groups can increase the amount of food distributed to individuals and families in need in their communities.

Both current partner agencies and organizations that are not currently partnered with CFBNJ are eligible to apply.

The application will open on July 17 and can be submitted via email, postal mail or delivered in person to either CFBNJ's facilities in either Hillside or Egg Harbor Township.

To access the application please visit the page on CFBNJ's website: <https://cfbnj.org/food-access-grant>

Please download and complete the fillable PDF available on CFBNJ's landing page and submit it in one of three ways:

- Email to: foodaccessgrant@cfbnj.org
- Postal mail: 31 Evans Terminal, Hillside, NJ 07205 – Attention: Food Access Grant
- Dropped off in person at CFBNJ at 31 Evans Terminal, Hillside, NJ 07205 OR 06735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A Question and Answer (Q&A) period will be held from July 20 – July 24, 2026 to address any questions about eligibility or the application process. Questions must be submitted via email to foodaccessgrant@cfbnj.org. Responses to all submitted questions will be compiled and posted by July 28, 2026 [here](#).

All applications must be submitted by August 3, 2026, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Award notifications will be announced no later than August 14th. Selected applicants will receive additional instructions regarding grant agreements, required documentation, and next steps to ensure funds are fully expended by September 15, 2026.

Eligibility and Priority

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) public charity, an organization wholly owned by a public charity, or a faith-based organization that serves individuals who are ill, food insecure, or otherwise in need.
- Operate programs that are mission-aligned with hunger relief, food access, nutrition, or basic needs support.
- Be in good standing with state and federal regulatory bodies.
- Submit a proposal relevant to CFBNJ's 11-county service area.

General:

- Award amounts will be based on an itemized request list submitted with the application and accompanied by three (3) quotes and other supporting cost documentation as applicable.
- CFBNJ will review supporting documentation (e.g. quotes, etc.) to ensure that State guidelines are followed, and the proposed purchase meets the criteria for an allowable purchase.
- The maximum request amount is \$30,000.
- CFBNJ reserves the right to make partial awards.
- Award recipients must submit receipts.
- The State reserves the right to repossess equipment if it is not used as specified or if the agency exits food security operations.

Acceptable requests include but are not limited to:

Capacity Equipment

- Equipment is intended to support food storage and distribution operations.
- The organization confirms it has the capacity to house, operate, and properly use the equipment in compliance with all applicable food safety and regulatory requirements.
- The organization assumes full responsibility for all ongoing costs associated with the equipment, including utilities, routine maintenance, and repairs.

Supplemental Food Products

- Provide the number of individuals you anticipate serving with supplemental food products.

- Provide metrics that you will use to measure the impact of the supplemental products you plan to distribute.
- Products must be US-produced, if possible; but if not produced domestically, can be purchased from non-US producers and/or vendors.

Questions?

A Q&A period will be held from **July 20 – July 24**. Before submitting your questions, we encourage you to **review the full application**.

Click Here to Apply: <https://cfbnj.org/food-access-grant>

2026 State of NJ Grant Eligibility Criteria

This document outlines the minimum eligibility and compliance requirements for organizations applying for the 2026 State of NJ Grant funding.

1. Organizational Eligibility

Applicants must:

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2. Program & Community Alignment

Applicants must demonstrate that proposed State of NJ Grant activities:

- Directly enhance food access, nutrition security, or operational capacity serving food-insecure populations.
- Serve communities within CFBNJ's service area.
- Are responsive to documented community needs and not duplicative of existing services without clear justification.

3. Non-Discrimination & Equity Commitment

Applicants must:

- Maintain and enforce a non-discrimination policy that aligns with Federal and State guidelines.
- Provide services equitably, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or other protected characteristics.

4. Food Safety & Operational Readiness (if applicable)

Organizations handling or distributing food must:

- Demonstrate the ability to store, handle, and transport food safely, including temperature control for perishable items.
- Use facilities and vehicles that prevent contamination or adulteration of food.
- Confirm that food is not stored in private residences.
- Prove staff handling food have current food safety training and certification.

5. Accountability, Reporting & Monitoring

Applicants must agree to:

- Pursuant to the grant agreement, any awards made under this RFP prior to State approval will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- Use State of NJ Grant funds solely for approved purposes.
- Maintain accurate financial and programmatic records related to grant-funded activities.
- Submit required progress and outcome reports in a timely manner.
- Permit site visits or monitoring activities related to grant compliance, if requested.

6. Ethical Use of Resources

Applicants must certify that they will not:

- Sell, trade, or barter food or grant-funded resources.
- Charge clients for food or services supported by the State of NJ Grant.
- Use food or grant-funded resources for staff compensation, incentives, fundraising events, or internal consumption.

7. Data Privacy & Confidentiality

Applicants must:

- Maintain appropriate safeguards to protect participant privacy and data confidentiality.

Failure to meet eligibility requirements applies only to applications that are incomplete (missing all required components for a complete submission) or to organizations that are debarred from doing business with the State of New Jersey.

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Review the full application PDF before submitting your questions during the Q&A period.