



MAHN Network Distributions

Thanks to funds from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program and non-perishable food and sundry donations from ADUSA, MAHN has started holding mass distributions of eggs, frozen proteins, and nonperishable food items to the pantries and soup kitchens within our network monthly. The first event was held on October 13 at St. Gabriel's Hall in Norristown for the Mainline, Norristown, and Intercounty coalitions. The second distribution was for the Nutrition and Eastern coalitions at the Garden of Health in North Wales on October 24. Each event provided over 500 pounds of items per location.

By the Numbers

Many thanks to our generous donors like JBS Meats, ADUSA Warehouse, and Accardi Products! They've enabled MAHN and its network of food pantries and soup kitchens to distribute the following donations:

- 20,487 lbs. of beef from JBS in Souderton
- 97 pallets and bins of non-perishables from ADUSA in partnership with Garden of Health-- total weight of ~70,826 lbs.
- More than 2900 lbs. of snacks from Accardi Products

Plus, more than 102,000 lbs. of food and supplies were shared between the pantries ensuring that less food goes to waste. We are extremely grateful for the unselfish sharing and sense of community displayed by these Montco providers!

MAHN and United Way

Do you give to United Way? If you do, please consider listing MontCo Anti-Hunger Network as your charity. Our United Way designation code number is **55222**. Your investment in MAHN will positively impact your community!



Coalition Meetings Reboot



MAHN is excited to re-convene coalition meetings across the 5 coalition regions. Each convenes regularly for peer to peer idea exchange and discussion around operational challenges. Meetings create an opportunity to build relationships and look at poverty from a higher, community level perspective. We hope you can join us!

Main Line Coalition (Main Line Area Providers)
 Thursday, January 26 at 9:30 AM
 Narberth Community Food Bank
 201 Sabine Ave, Narberth, PA 19072

Nutrition Coalition (North Penn Area Providers)
 Thursday, January 19 at 9:00 AM
 Manna on Main Street
 606 Main St, Lansdale, PA 19446

Inter-County Coalition (Pottstown Area Providers)
 Wednesday, January 25 at 2:00 PM
 Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities
 57 N Franklin St, Pottstown, PA 19464

Eastern Coalition (Eastern MontCo Providers)
 Monday, January 30 at 1:30 PM
 Jenkintown Food Cupboard, Fellowship Hall
 328 Summit Ave, Jenkintown, PA 19046

Advocates Against Hunger Meeting (Norristown Area Providers Focus)
 Wednesday, January 25 at 12 PM
 Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen
 520 Church Street, Norristown, PA 19401
 Email lfours@aol.com to RSVP

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MAHN Member Announcements

Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant - OPEN

The second solicitation of the Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant (FRIG) is OPEN. The deadline for this solicitation of FRIG applications is March 17, 2023 at 11:59pm. This grant was announced in the [PA Bulletin](#). The intent of the Food Recovery Infrastructure Grant is to reduce the amount of fresh, safe, and wholesome foods currently entering the waste stream.

This grant will support section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agencies operating programs within the Commonwealth that provide food to the public (i.e. food shelters, soup kitchens, food banks, etc.) who partner with retailers/wholesalers, grocery stores, agricultural organizations, farms, or cooperatives of foodstuffs operating in the Commonwealth to capture and serve safe and wholesome foods before they become a waste.

Not-for profit entities eligible to apply for this grant must demonstrate the following:

- The organization's not-for-profit status
- The financial stability of the organization
- The organization must have an existing food utilization/distribution program
- The experience of the organization in operating a program
- The current and potential sources for foodstuffs under the proposed program
- The ability to operate the expanded/enhanced program for the length of the grant demonstration period (3 years after final reimbursement payment)

This grant program can assist these non-for-profit agencies with the costs of equipment necessary to prepare, transport, and serve food acquired from retailers/wholesalers, grocery stores, agricultural organizations, farms, and cooperatives. The maximum grant award cannot exceed \$50,000. Examples of eligible equipment include:

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Refrigerated/non-refrigerated box trucks
- Cargo vans
- Stoves
- Ovens
- Pallet jacks
- Microwaves
- Dollies
- Hand forklifts
- Shipping and installation costs for eligible equipment

A pre-application meeting is mandatory for this grant. Please contact Jessica Shilladay (jesshillad@pa.gov).

Special consideration will be given to those applicants identified in Environmental Justice (EJ) Areas. DEP identifies an EJ area where 20% or more individuals live at or below the Federal poverty line, and/or 30% or more of the population identify as non-white minority based on data from the United States Census Bureau and the Federal guidelines for poverty.

The DEP website will be updated with FRIG application documents translated into Spanish. Language translation accommodations or services are available should an applicant require them. Please call (717) 787-7382.

2023 MAHN Member Provider Survey

The information from this survey is intended to provide updated information to the public about the food assistance resources available in Montgomery County; and inform MAHN of where the needs are so that together, we can build a stronger and more collaborative food security safety net.

<https://forms.gle/vpYb21J8wu3pYTU6A>

The survey should take less than 30 minutes to complete.
Please complete no later than **Friday, January 20.**

Any questions or comments can be emailed to amusselman@montcoantihunger.org