

ALMA Backyard Farms: This support directly fuels our ability to grow and distribute high-quality organic produce, sustaining and scaling our food access efforts for hundreds of households across our communities. Thank you for generosity and encouragement!

Antelope Valley Partners for Health: These additional funds will strengthen Antelope Valley Partners for Health's food access and distribution efforts by expanding the volume of fresh, healthy foods available to low-income families across the Antelope Valley and improving the reliability of local supply chains. The grant will enable AVPH to serve more households with consistent, nutritious food while deepening partnerships that reduce food insecurity and support long-term health and economic stability for children and families.

Asian Youth Center: This grant will help us to support food insecure clients in the San Gabriel Valley, most of whom are low-income, limited English proficient, face transportation challenges, fears of ICE activity, and mobility issues. Many still face barriers in accessing healthy, fresh, and culturally relevant foods and other basic necessities, which AYC has been able to provide as a trusted community-based organization. The funds will allow us to continue to be adaptable to meet the changing needs of our community, especially with the quixotic and uncertain nature of the current administration. Thank you for entrusting us and partnering with us in this important work!

Black Women for Wellness: Over the past year, we have seen a dramatic rise in food insecurity across South Los Angeles, driven by rising living costs, reductions in SNAP benefits, and new reapplication requirements that have created additional barriers for families. As a result, our organization has experienced a 65% increase in food requests from individuals and families who rely on us to bridge critical gaps. Additional grant funds would allow us to expand our Food Justice program from a monthly to a biweekly distribution model, increasing access to fresh produce, pantry staples, and culturally relevant foods for more households throughout the month. This support would strengthen our farm partnerships, allow us to source more culturally familiar foods, and ensure that no family is turned away as hunger continues to impact our community year-round.



Community Partners FBO Los Angeles Food Policy Council: The additional funding will continue to help with healthy food sources within underserved communities.

Eastmont Community Center: This unexpected support comes at a much-needed time as an additional \$30,000 will support Eastmont Community Center's current emergency food distribution services, but additionally the development of an outdoor kitchen within its outdoor space, expanding our capacity to prepare and serve hot, nutritious meals on-site. This investment will strengthen food distribution infrastructure and resources at the community center, which will enable Eastmont to increase hot meal service, nutrition programming, and community-based events that promote healthy eating and food access.

El Nido Family Centers: We intend to use these funds to continue incentivizing community participation in our Farmers Market- through healthy culinary demonstrations, incentivizing our Cal-Fresh match program, and hosting informational sessions in which we explain all market enrichment services to local residents. This support is especially important in this critical time of cuts to the federal SNAP program, and our community residents have made abundantly clear how important this increased food access is. As manager of the El Nido farmers Market, I can attest firsthand that our market is becoming a resource epicenter in Pacoima - word is getting out that we have regular resources for food in our market, and once we are able to talk to residents, we are also able to point them to all of the additional resources available at the Pacoima Family Source Center that we manage. Seeing residents enter first to receive the food benefits immediately available in our market, but then return to register for free as an EL Nido client to receive free services

FEAST, Inc.: This unexpected grant comes at a moment when many families are struggling to access nutritious food and maintain healthy routines. With this support, FEAST will be able to expand our food access work, bringing more fresh produce and nutrition resources directly to families who need them most. The funds will also allow us to offer additional nutrition education workshops and cooking demonstrations, helping participants build practical, sustainable habits. This investment strengthens our ability to nourish both bodies and communities. Thank you for supporting our communities when they need it the most!



Food Forward, Inc: With rising costs and the increasing loss of government food benefits pending in 2026, communities across the Los Angeles area are continuing to experience high rates of food insecurity. Food Forward's goal is to distribute at least half a billion servings of fresh fruits and vegetables in 2026, improving consistent access to healthy food. Specifically, the grant funds from the Ballmer Group will help Food Forward distribute at least 1.8 million servings of fresh fruits and vegetables for free to people who need it. The recovery of this surplus produce from growers and distributors will also prevent significant emissions of CO2-equivalent, contributing to a healthier environment. Thank you for this generous support.

God's Pantry: These funds will help us continue and enhance our food recovery and distribution efforts.

Granada on Broadway Outreach Program: The additional funds will be used to continue our services with food equality in the South LA area. We have been with the food program for more than 7 years and we have become a beacon of light for many and now under more responsibility to the families our numbers have grown and the needs keeps growing , we know we cannot save everybody but we are part of the solution not the problem.

Grow2Zero Farms: Thank you for continuing to support our weekly food distribution!

GrowGood, Inc.: This funding will provide support as we expand our mobile farm stands to more low-income housing partners across South & Southeast LA, providing affordable access to high-quality produce by offering very low prices, accepting SNAP/EBT and providing market match. We currently operate monthly farm stands at three sites, and with this funding we will be able to increase the number of sites; our farm stands sell out every time, so we will be able to provide more produce to communities who need it the most. It will also enable us to bring on more trainees at both our sites. Our training programs primarily serve current and recently homeless Veterans and civilians at the West LA VA Campus and the Bell Shelter, respectively. Through the training program, individuals with multiple barriers to employment gain income, recent work experience and learn new and transferrable skills, enabling them to more easily re-enter the workforce. We are truly grateful for this amazing support!



Growing Communities, Inc dba Crop Swap LA: This flexible, general operating support comes at a critical moment and will help Crop Swap LA maintain momentum across our food access work in South Los Angeles as we secure additional production sites. The funding will enable us to support essential operations and staffing while remaining responsive to community needs and changing conditions, maximizing the impact of every dollar invested.

Help Me Help You: Grant funding will ensure we are able to continue to provide vital food security to children and families in our community. With recent budget cuts, this funding is vital, and we are truly grateful for your support.

Homeboy Industries: We are grateful to receive these additional grant funds from Community Partners. These additional grant funds will allow us to provide expanded access to fresh produce to the formerly incarcerated and previously gang-involved people and their families in our community.

Hope the Mission: Hope the Mission is now serving a daily average of 7,800 meals every day to the homeless and that number is growing. These funds are a tremendous help in meeting this expanding need. And we know that transformation for the homeless most often begins with a warm meal. It is a genuine bridge from a life of poverty and dependency to a new life of self-sufficiency, purpose, and hope. THANK YOU!

Hunger Action Los Angeles Inc: These funds will allow us to continue our innovative program providing farm fresh eggs to 250 households as well as the Market Match program providing CalFresh participants with extra dollars for fruits and vegetables at 40 participating farmers market; the food program for blind and low vision individuals; and educating the community on changes to public food assistance programs.

Inclusive Action for the City: This grant funding will help Inclusive Action continue and expand its sidewalk vending pilot program, which provides tailored workshops and business coaching services to street vendor entrepreneurs seeking to formalize their businesses. The pilot program is connecting street vendors to the information, support, and financial resources needed to fully formalize street vending businesses under the new state and local laws/policies that govern this industry. This grant funding will help Inclusive Action dedicate more staff time and program resources to participants.



Japanese American Cultural & Community Center: As the year comes to an end and we reflect on the partnerships that have uplifted and sustained our Little Tokyo community, this unexpected support fills us with great joy. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

LA Family Housing Corporation: LA Family Housing is grateful for these additional funds, which will help us continue to improve food distribution for people experiencing homelessness at LA Family Housing's Interim Housing sites.

LA-Mas, Inc.: Additional grant funds would strengthen Somos NELA's food-centered systems that increase economic mobility for low-income families by supporting working class vendors and expanding access to culturally relevant food. Funding would sustain vendor-led coordination, shared food infrastructure, and peer learning that boosts household income while reducing economic barriers. This investment will continue to formalize the shared infrastructure needed for neighborhood-rooted economic mobility.

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Los Angeles LGBT Center: Senior Services: This grant will continue to support our Food Insecurity Programs for LGBT Older Adults.

MEND - Meet Each Need with Dignity: "Over the past few years, food donations have dropped significantly while the number of people needing help has climbed. To keep serving our community, we've had to purchase more and more of the food we distribute—food that used to come from donors. Right now, we're spending thousands more each month just to keep pace with demand. Your timely gift helps us stay ahead. It means we can say ""yes"" when a family walks through our doors, even during the hardest weeks. Thank you for making sure our neighbors have food when they need it most."



NoHo Home Alliance: At NoHo Home Alliance, we believed that food is mental healthcare. Nutritious, fresh meals nurture our bodies, and delicious, care-filled meals assert that every human is worthy and deserving of dignity. Thanks to funds provided by Ballmer Group, our team at NoHo Home will be able to meet the rising need of hungry neighbors in Los Angeles, without compromising on the standard of excellent food that we serve to our unhoused neighbors. Thank you for helping us to counteract the narratives that dehumanize our unhoused neighbors, by creating spaces of delicious food worthy of valuable, important neighbors.

Pico Union Project: Pico Union Project continues to serve the community through Vida Sana Food Distribution, Día de Cultura enrichment activities like guitar and art classes, and our Monthly Resource Fair for the unhoused community in partnership with Better Angels. The \$50,000 investment from Community Partners will support the ongoing operations of these existing programs, helping us continue feeding families with healthy, nutritious fruits and vegetables while maintaining reliable access to enrichment and critical resources. Thank you for your support! Without it - it would be impossible to continue the work we're doing.

Prosperity Market: Thank you so much for this additional funding! These grant funds will help us continue the work we are doing to bring healthy, affordable foods into communities, support black farmers and food entrepreneurs, and build a strong local ecosystem. During a time where funding and programs are being cut, these grant funds are more crucial than ever to maintaining and growing our work. Thank you!

SHIELDS for Families: What a surprise! We will use these grant funds to leverage our efforts in feeding those in need. We will provide hot meals for families that attend SUD programs, as well as lunches delivered to each of our sites to feed those in need. In addition, we can supplement our on-site food bank to feed community families and their children. Thank you!

Special Service for Groups, Inc. / Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement (SSG/APIFM): We deeply appreciate this award from the Ballmer Group and Community Partners in support of the local food ecosystems work SSG/APIFM is doing across LAC. This funding will enable SSG/APIFM to continue serving our low-income, senior, and immigrant community members with local, culturally relevant, and nutritious food.



St. Barnabas Senior Center of Los Angeles: SBSS strives to provide culturally relevant food to older adults and caregivers that live in poverty. Our clients depend on the meals, fresh vegetables, and canned goods they receive from SBSS to afford to stay in their homes independently. These funds will ensure that we may continue to support older adults so that they may Live Well, Feel Well, Age Well.

St. Francis Center: These funds will allow us to continue the life-changing programs our communities have come to rely on us. It has been a tough year for a lot of our community members which has caused need to grow.

SÜPRMARKT: This will have an indelible impact on this SÜPRMARKT's work. It will provide a strong launch to our education and wellness programming while strengthening our emergency support initiatives. Thanks SO much for your support of our organization at this critical time.

Thai Community Development Center: These grant funds will greatly support our East Hollywood Certified Farmers' Market, a vital community health hub founded by Thai CDC that addresses food insecurity and chronic health conditions such as diabetes by making nutritious food accessible and providing culturally relevant programming. Grant funding will support our ongoing operations, as well as our work to open a new market on the corner of Santa Monica and Vermont, broadening our community reach to support the greater Los Angeles area.

The Children's Clinic "Serving Children and Their Families" dba TCC Family Health: TCC Family Health would like to thank you for this additional funding that furthers our capacity to provide fresh produce to those most impacted by food insecurity. This additional funding will help extend our services into 2026 helping to cover the cost of the truck rental service to pick up and drop off fresh produce weekly for TCC's Free Farmer's Market at three different clinic locations. Additional funding will help maintain our expanded afternoon Free Farmer's Market hours for patients and their families not available to pick up during the day. We appreciate and are grateful for this partnership that helps provide healthier food options in ways that promote healing, belonging and positive community connections for patients and their families.

The House of Yahweh South Bay Outreach Center: This grant will help with the increasing families and individuals suffering from food insecurities that come to our charity for help. Thank you



The Midnight Mission: Funds will enable The Midnight Mission to increase pantry boxes to meet the needs of families and individuals who have been impacted by the recent reductions in funding for much needed SNAP benefits.

The WOW Flower Project: We're incredibly excited and grateful to receive the Ballard Group Award! This support will allow us to expand our youth and women veteran programming by offering hands-on tours to local farms, introducing them to agriculture-related career pathways, and providing fresh vegetable sampling experiences right here in our community. This investment helps us continue planting seeds of knowledge, wellness, and opportunity for our youth—thank you for believing in this work 🌱

Union Station Homeless Services: Union Station Homeless Services is incredibly grateful for these additional grant funds for our Community Meals Program, which is experiencing increased requests for food assistance at a time when public funding for our services is decreasing. We will use these funds to support our current emergency food assistance for households experiencing food insecurity and housing instability in our community. Thank you for your continued support and confidence in our work!

Westside Food Bank: These additional grant funds will help us maximize the impact of our new refrigeration infrastructure and Warehouse Assistant role—both funded through the original \$400,000 grant. With enhanced cold storage capacity at our this 1914 14th Street facility, we are better equipped to safely store and distribute more fresh produce, dairy, and proteins. This support directly strengthens our ability to provide nutritious food to low-income households across West Los Angeles, sustaining health and stability for our neighbors facing food insecurity.

With Love Market and Cafe: Sustainability in community-impact food work is quite challenging when you have to spend so much time just trying to find funds for every aspect of the work. To get supportive funding that does not require a lot of administrative time will allow us to put all of it in our current area of greatest need, infrastructure expansion. This will have a direct and immediate impact!

