

# Second Harvest: Providing \$200k in funding for capacity building grants to improve food equity

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**MADISON, Wis., January 31, 2022** – Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin announced today that they will be providing up to \$200,000 in community-directed capacity-building grants to area groups or organizations. These grant dollars are available to advance efforts to increase food equity, as defined by our community. The overarching goal is to learn from and build long-term nutrition distribution strategies with racially diverse communities to address health disparities and advance food equity.

“Everyone in our community should have equitable access to nutritious and culturally-significant food,” said Second Harvest president/CEO Michelle Orge. “We’re excited to see and support the ideas that come from the groups and organizations who will apply for a grant. Their insights on how to increase food equity in our community will help us increase collaboration and strengthen our entire network”.

The grants are designed to increase the distribution of food to racially marginalized communities through new methods, increased product availability, and deeper collaborations.

To be considered for one of the capacity grants:

- Eligible applicants are designated as a registered 501c3 **-or-**
- Organizations, mutual aid groups, collectives, and tribal organizations that are fiscally sponsored by a 501c3 non-profit
- Applications should support community(ies) within the 16 counties in the

### Second Harvest service area

- Efforts should be led by, or conducted in partnership with, racially diverse communities impacted by food insecurity

Grant request submissions for a minimum of \$2,500 up to a maximum of \$75,000 will be accepted until 11:59 pm on March 14. Award amounts will vary according to the strength of the application's focus on equity and access. Grant funds must be used between April 2022 - June 2023

For more information about the grant, including the grant application packet, visit [SecondHarvestMadison.org/Grant](https://SecondHarvestMadison.org/Grant).

### **About Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin**

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin began working with local hunger-relief agencies in 1986. It helps end hunger in 16 southwestern Wisconsin counties through food distribution to its partner agencies, promotion of outside food assistance programs like FoodShare, and raising awareness of hunger. As southwestern Wisconsin's largest hunger-relief charity it meets nearly one million requests for help each year. From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 Second Harvest, together with its partner agencies and programs, provided 19 million meals. It is one of 200 members of Feeding America, the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity. For more information, visit [SecondHarvestMadison.org](https://SecondHarvestMadison.org).