

Wisconsin State Legislative Agenda

Hunger Task Force supports state legislation that increases access to healthy and nutritious meals for children, families and seniors.

- Allocate \$30 million per biennium for a food security grant program to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection that is awarded to nonprofit organizations to purchase and distribute farm and food products including fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, meat, milk and other dairy products grown and made in Wisconsin
- Allocate funding in the amount of \$2 million per biennium to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for grants of up to \$50,000 to offset food transportation and distribution costs of nonprofit organizations
- Support continued funding for the Tribal Elder Box program in the amount of \$4 million per biennium to be awarded to organizations that provide culturally relevant food to tribal communities
- Authorizing counties to appropriate money to nonprofit organizations that operate food banks within the county
- State funding in the amount of \$750,000 to allow DHS to pay for EBT processing equipment and services to farmers' markets and other retailers to sell food products to SNAP recipients
- Support a School Meals program that allocates additional state funds in the amount of \$147 million per year to the Department of Public Instruction to reimburse public and private schools and residential care centers for children that provide free meals to all students at the full federal reimbursement rate
- Expansion of the Farm to School program by creating a Farm to Fork program that connects community-based organizations to local farms to provide healthy food and nutrition education to eligible individuals
- Allocate \$3 million per biennium to the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for competitive grants that are awarded to nonprofit organizations to create a state based Local Food Purchasing Assistance Program to purchase and distribute locally grown food to Wisconsinites
- Support ongoing funding for Act 201 of 2024 - a healthy food incentive program that allows SNAP participants to purchase double the amount of fruit and vegetables using SNAP benefits
- Support funding for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the amount of \$2.9 million annually to continue administering Summer EBT in Wisconsin
- Allocate \$2.4 million per biennium to the Department of Health Services to expand the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program for Wisconsin seniors to purchase fresh foods from farmers markets

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