

Vermont Foodbank Request FY23 Details

The Vermont Foodbank is seeking a request of one time funding in the amount of \$6 million dollars to address the sustained, increased need for access to food in communities throughout Vermont in FY23 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) including increased need for food, distribution, and services caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following request details were created using projected expenses based on levels of food insecurity from recent UVM and USDA data regarding COVID recovery and food insecurity. This request is in addition to the FY22 request for \$6 million dollars in one-time support. Total request for FY22 and FY23 is \$12 million.

- **Increased funding to support increased capacity to meet the sustained higher need during the “recovery” period in FY23**
 - During the pandemic, we have seen that increased investments and a robust response has addressed the number of people experiencing food insecurity. We anticipate that the current trend lines of those experiencing food insecurity and accessing charitable food will continue to require The Vermont Foodbank to operate at a capacity nearly twice what it was prior to the pandemic.
 - We anticipate experiencing a sustained increased cost of roughly \$400,000 per month (above pre-COVID levels) throughout FY23 to serve the ongoing needs of people experiencing food insecurity.
 - Increased support directly to communities through our Network Partners in the form of reduced fees and increased grant dollars
 - The ability to expand Vermonters Feeding Vermonters to support more farms and get fresh produce to more people living in Vermont
 - Increased purchasing & distribution of staple foods to meet the sustained, increased need
- **Requested for FY23: \$6 million (in addition to the FY22 request for \$6 million for a total of \$12 million)**
- **Benefits of this investment:**
 - People living in Vermont who use the charitable food system will get the food and services they need
 - We will purchase more produce and other products directly from Vermont farms and producers – and this local food will go directly to Vermonters who need it
 - We will be able to continue to reduce/eliminate fees for our Network partners in communities throughout the state who are serving the need, as well as provide these partners with grants and other support that will allow them to keep their higher levels of service in their communities
 - By continuing to directly address food insecurity in our Vermont communities, we may help to alleviate the overall burden on state services, as well as continue to refer people directly to programs that will help them more systemically.

Vermont Foodbank Calendar Years 2020—2023 COVID 19 Expenses, and State Appropriations

Item		2020 Amount	2021 Amount**	2022	2020-23 Total	2020 CARES Act Appropriation (actuals)	Farmers to Families Appropriation (FEMA)	2021 General Fund appropriation (pending)	Total 2020-2021 State Appropriations
Personnel w/fringe									
	subtotal	\$498,007	\$600,925	\$400,000	\$1,999,932	\$533,574	\$42,418		\$575,992
Food									
	subtotal	\$2,855,687	\$5,418,000	\$3,750,000	\$16,543,687	\$2,804,235	\$1,660,846	\$1,000,000	\$5,465,081
Materials and Supplies									
	subtotal	\$180,500	\$49,000	\$34,000	\$304,380	\$213,933	\$2,916		\$216,850
Warehouse Occupancy, Delivery Costs									
	subtotal	\$180,575	\$76,229	\$53,000	\$362,804	\$93,553	\$13,010		\$106,563
Cash Grants to Network Partners									
	subtotal	\$390,000	N/A	93,000	\$576,000	\$577,502			\$577,502
Equipment and Facilities Rentals, Purchases									
	subtotal	\$71,544	\$78,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,214,544	\$64,322			\$64,322
Communications and Public Relations									
	subtotal	\$46,041	\$316,000	\$220,000	\$814,041		\$9,415		\$9,415
	Direct costs subtotal	\$4,222,354	\$6,538,155	\$5,550,000	\$21,815,389	\$4,287,119	\$1,728,606		\$7,015,725
Administrative costs									
	subtotal	\$380,012	\$653,619	\$450,000	\$1,978,748	\$416,243	\$172,870		\$589,112
	TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$4,602,366	\$7,191,770	\$6,000,000	\$23,794,136	\$4,703,362	\$1,901,475	\$1,000,000	\$7,604,837

*Cash grants to community partners in CY21 funded through private philanthropy

** including Full Plates VT costs through March 2021

\$16,189,299
Difference VF has had to cover

Chart 1: In the chart below, the areas in blue show how our monthly expenses related to food distributions increased in March 2020 and continued to stay high throughout 2021. The orange line is the average monthly expense and our projected FY22 and FY23 average monthly expenses.

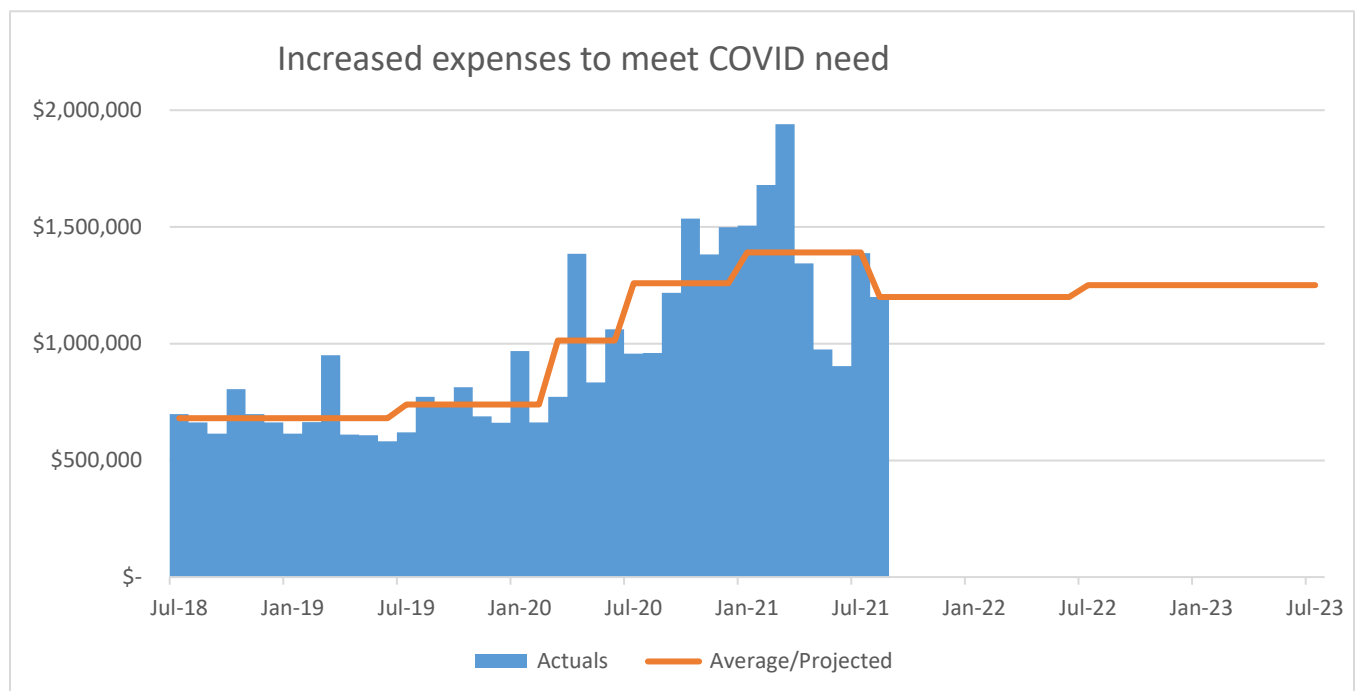


Chart 2: Food Distribution by Source shows that during the time period where additional funding was provided to the Foodbank, we were able to acquire significantly more Vermont produce and products to distribute throughout our network.

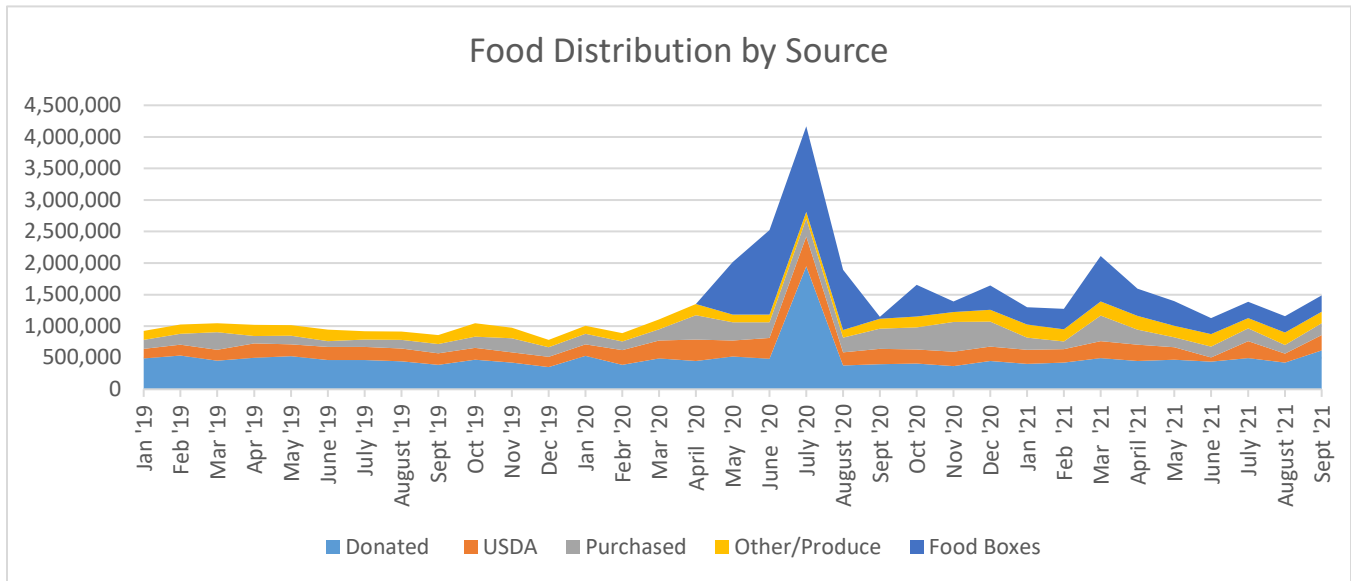
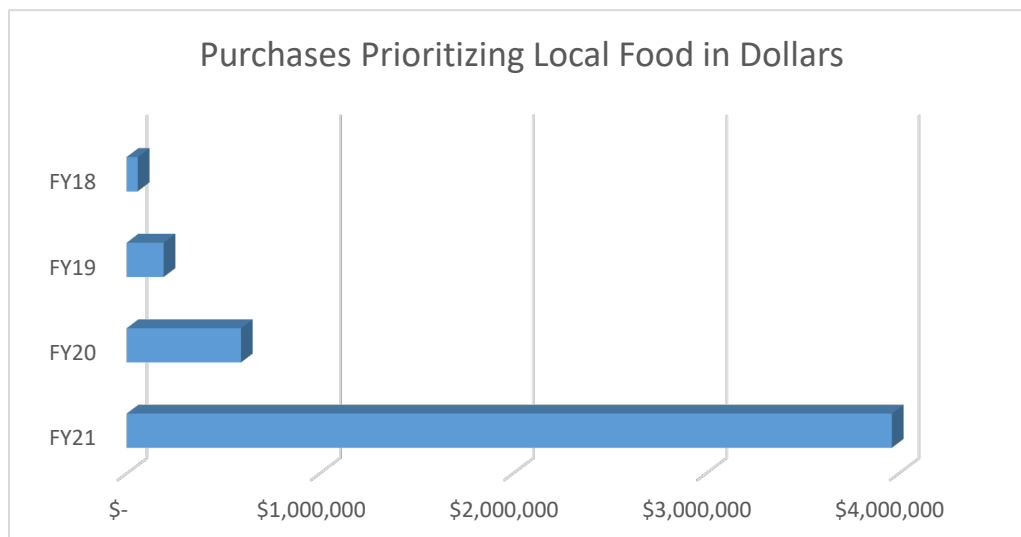


Chart 3: At the VT Foodbank, because of investments from the State of Vermont and in COVID relief, we have been able to prioritize local purchasing and grow our local purchasing capacity over the past 4 years.



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