

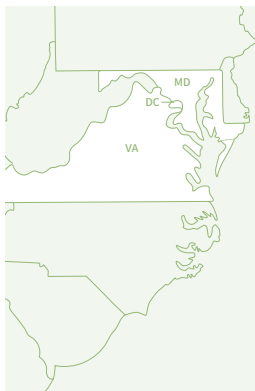
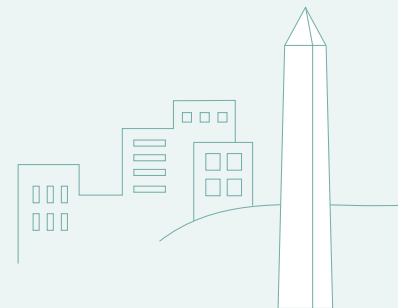


SNAPSHOT OF 2023 Policy Agenda by Jurisdiction

For over 42 years, the Capital Area Food Bank has served as the backbone of the region's hunger relief infrastructure. In FY22, the Food Bank distributed 52 million meals to neighbors in need across the DMV. However, we know that ending hunger takes more than good food today; advocating for policies and programs that enable long-term food security, financial empowerment, and health equity is an essential aspect of our commitment to building brighter futures. The following policy priorities—informed by data, community partners, and those we serve—represent impactful interventions that the Food Bank will advocate for in 2023 to end hunger and its root causes.

FEDERAL

- Improve The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Modernize SNAP and WIC eligibility standards
- Permanently enact the Child Tax Credit
- Provide year-round, universal Healthy School Meals for All
- Strengthen the Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Enact medically tailored meals pilots for Medicare enrollees



DC

- Increase grocery access in Wards 5, 7, & 8
- Pass and fund Give SNAP A Raise and No Senior Hungry Omnibus Act of 2022
- Improve The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Provide Healthy School Meals for All by implementing school lunch at non-CEP schools
- Expand the DC Earned Income Tax Credit to immigrant families
- Incentivize food-as-medicine activities for low-income healthcare providers, recipients, and nonprofits
- Support cross-regional strategic approaches to food system resiliency



STATE

MARYLAND

- Fully fund the MD FARM Program & Farm to School Grant Pilot
- Improve The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Expand school meals for Maryland students
- Utilize Categorical Eligibility for utility assistance
- Permanently implement expansions to the state-level Earned Income Tax Credit
- Incorporate food security as a priority in strategic and administrative planning
- Support cross-regional strategic approaches to food system resiliency
- Create a Maryland Health Equity Fund



STATE

VIRGINIA

- Increase the SNAP minimum benefit
- Improve The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Continue funding the Virginia Agriculture Food Assistance Program
- Expand the Food Crop Donation Tax Credit
- Support cross-regional strategic approaches to food system resiliency
- Create a Virginia Health Equity Fund



COUNTY

PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD

- Create a county-level Earned Income Tax Credit
- Invest in inter-programmatic benefit enrollment experts
- Create and fund a Prince George's County Food Security Office
- Establish a food-as-medicine program



MONTGOMERY, MD

- Invest in inter-programmatic benefit enrollment experts
- Implement universal school meals or utilize the self-sufficiency standard to calculate eligibility
- Establish a food-as-medicine program
- Make permanent the Working Families Income Supplement expansion

ARLINGTON, VA

- Pilot universal school meals
- Establish formalized funding method for county to support food security
- Implement a "Health-In-All Policies" approach to governance

ALEXANDRIA, VA

- Implement a "Health-In-All Policies" approach to governance

FAIRFAX, VA

- Prioritize nutrition and food security in the county's "Health in All Policies" approach
- Invest in inter-programmatic benefit enrollment experts

PRINCE WILLIAM, VA

- Implement a "Health-In-All Policies" approach to governance

