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Last month I participated in person at the Board of Supervisors meeting that considered the ARPA funds of \$9.7 M that need to be allocated and spent by the end of 2026. MFAC supported and still supports that \$5 M of the ARPA funds be directed to increase food security in our county and \$3 M to help tenants with funding to stay housed.

These are basic human needs. With health care insurance skyrocketing it's more important than ever that people have access to healthy food. People living from paycheck to paycheck also benefit from knowing there will be some help to stay housed. Both of these are trauma stressors that negatively affect peoples' health.

Please vote to support \$5 M for food security and \$3 M for rental assistance to the ARPA funds.

Jan Warren

Chair, MFAC Housing & Shelter Task Force

P.S. Sorry to miss the meeting tomorrow due to helping to box food with "Food for Thought" tomorrow in Richmond to help students and their families with food during the holidays.

From: Betty Gabaldon <noreply@adv.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 2:34 PM
To: Clerk of the Board <ClerkOfTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us>
Subject: Invest \$8 Million to Prevent Hunger and Homelessness in Contra Costa

Clerk of the Board Clerk , Dear Board Chair Candace Andersen and Supervisors John Gioia, Diane Burgis, Ken Carlson, and Shanelle Scales-Preston, I am writing to urge you to use former ARPA funds to increase funding for community-based food assistance

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Dear Board Chair Candace Andersen and Supervisors John Gioia, Diane Burgis, Ken Carlson, and Shanelle Scales-Preston,

I am writing to urge you to use former ARPA funds to increase funding for community-based food assistance by \$5 million and one-time emergency rental assistance by \$3 million. Hunger and homelessness often go hand in hand. As the federal administration continues imposing tariffs that increase the cost of goods and services, and make dramatic cuts to programs, our county must take action to provide for basic needs for the most vulnerable families.

Food and housing insecurity cannot be addressed without each other. Without more food assistance, families will be forced to spend more out of pocket to feed themselves, making it harder to pay rent. And without more rental assistance, the need to prioritize the rent to avoid homelessness will make it more likely that families go hungry. Like the county's main food and rental assistance providers, I encourage you to take courageous action to meet both problems head on.

By investing \$5 million in the Food Security Collaborative of Contra Costa, you can help the entire food security system—both the big agencies that provide backbone infrastructure and the smaller pantries and CBOs that reach communities in need—meet the current surge in demand for food aid. And by investing \$3 million in the Measure X-funded rental assistance providers, you can reverse the two-year decrease in rental assistance funding and meet the significant increase stemming from the current economic and immigration crises.

Please do not let our most vulnerable residents go hungry or become homeless. Investing in emergency food and rental assistance is not only morally necessary, but economically sound.

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