

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

EMPLOYMENT & HUMAN SERVICES



Federal Shutdown CalFresh Impacts

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Presentation Order



Snapshot of CalFresh in Contra Costa County

Impacts of SNAP Freeze

Recommendation to Reduce Impacts

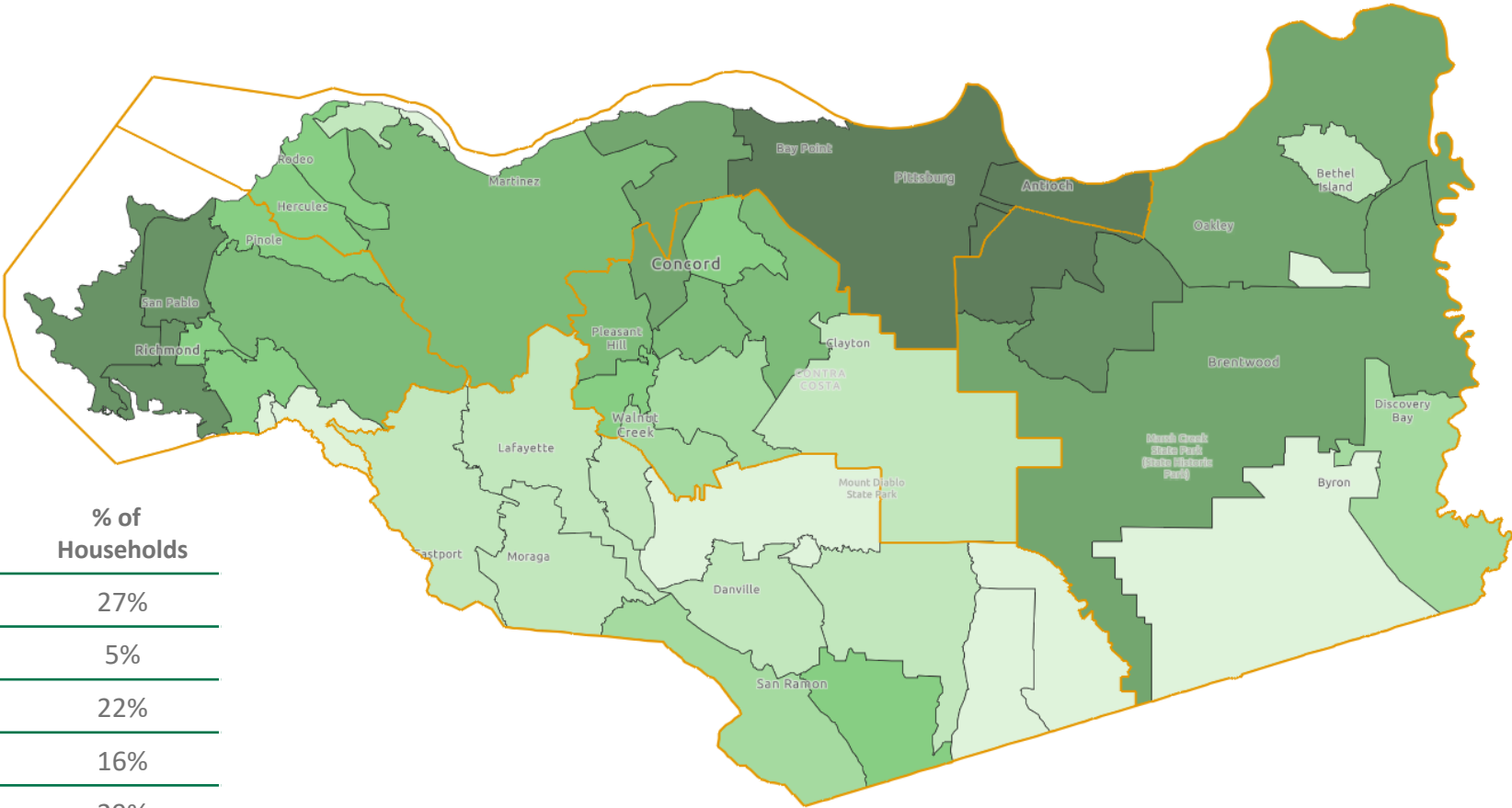
September CalFresh Recipients

September CalFresh Issuances

September CalFresh Retailers



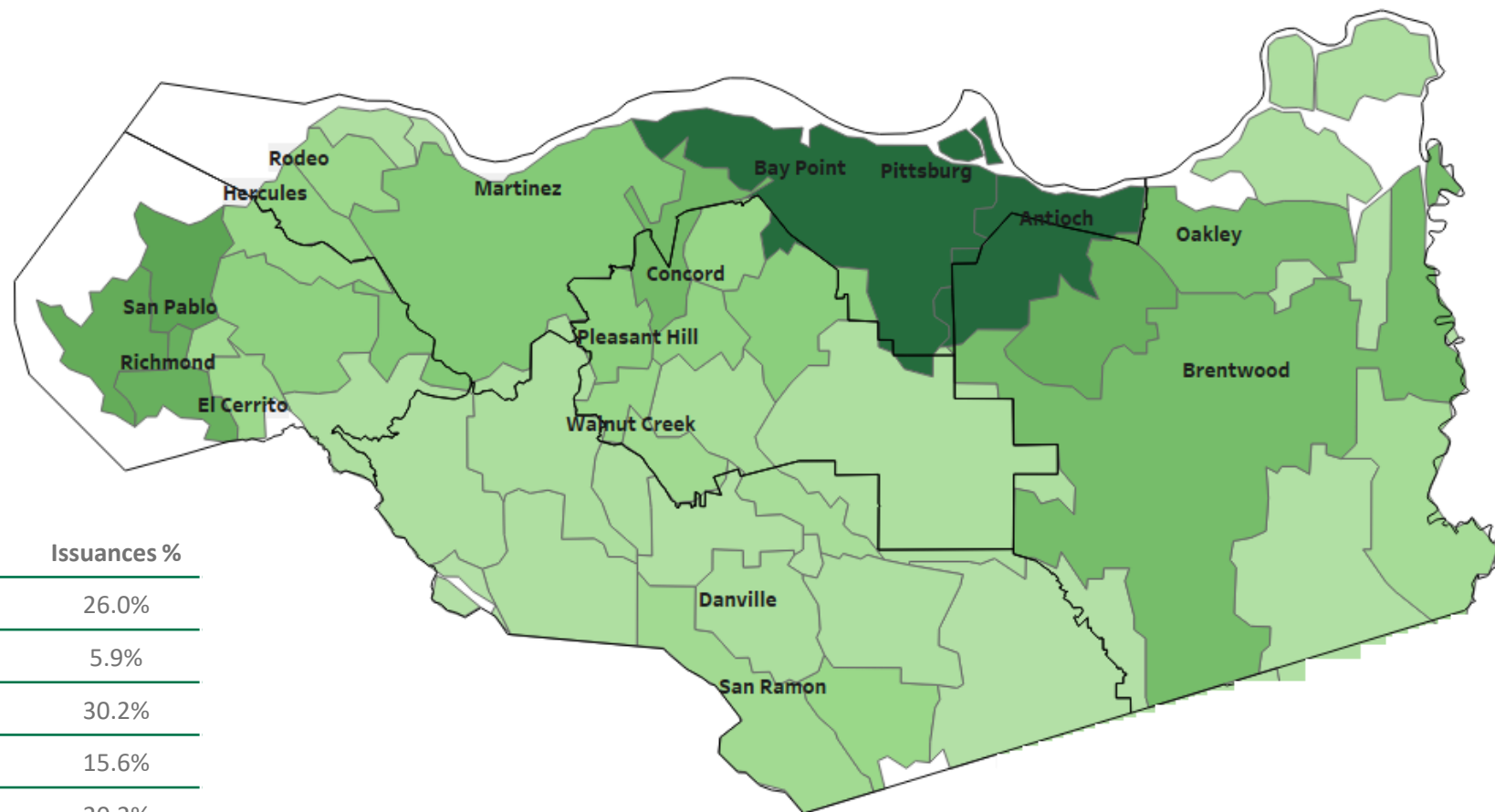
September 2025 CalFresh Recipients



District	Individuals	Households	% of Individuals	% of Households
1	28,035	17,399	26%	27%
2	4,929	3,296	5%	5%
3	25,761	14,353	24%	22%
4	17,128	10,539	16%	16%
5	31,066	18,576	29%	29%
Other	1,591	979	1%	2%
Total	108,510	65,142	100%	100%

Data Source: CalSAWS; **Notes:** Other = active inter-county transfers.
Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding. [EHSD Map link](#)

September 2025 CalFresh Issuances



District	HH Count	HH %	Issuances	Issuances %
1	17,366	26.6%	\$5,481,819	26.0%
2	4,193	6.4%	\$1,246,745	5.9%
3	18,881	28.9%	\$6,362,104	30.2%
4	10,360	15.9%	\$3,289,663	15.6%
5	13,198	20.2%	\$4,255,801	20.2%
Other	1,248	1.9%	\$453,865	2.2%
Total	65,246	100.0%	\$21,089,996	100.0%

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September CalFresh Utilization by City

District 1			District 2			District 3			District 4			District 5		
City	# Stores	Total Spending	City	# Stores	Total Spending	City	# Stores	Total Spending	City	# Stores	Total Spending	City	# Stores	Total Spending
Richmond	91	\$2,015,840	San Ramon	26	\$205,654	Brentwood	48	\$1,916,555	Concord	96	\$2,735,713	Pittsburg	68	\$2,180,243
San Pablo	46	\$1,266,337	Walnut Creek	18	\$197,629	Antioch	43	\$1,256,252	Pleasant Hill	21	\$340,093	Antioch	42	\$1,256,252
El Cerrito	20	\$356,497	Danville	16	\$180,999	Oakley	22	\$246,077	Walnut Creek	18	\$197,629	Bay Point	15	\$392,928
Pinole	9	\$302,242	Lafayette	10	\$72,711	Discovery Bay	2	\$51,566	Clayton	6	\$76,755	Martinez	31	\$339,785
El Sobrante	15	\$59,456	Orinda	2	\$21,985	Bethel Island	2	\$17,067	Crockett	2	\$4,920	Pinole	9	\$302,242
Kensington	1	\$555	Alamo	6	\$20,176	Byron	2	\$1,113				Hercules	6	\$230,487
			Moraga	6	\$19,970							Rodeo	4	\$27,148
												Pacheco	2	\$6,211
TOTAL	182	\$4,000,927	TOTAL	84	\$719,124	TOTAL	119	\$3,488,630	TOTAL	143	\$3,355,110	TOTAL	177	\$4,735,296

705 in-county retailers | \$16,299,089 in-county spending
 \$4,194,144 out-of-county spending
 \$596,763 unspent

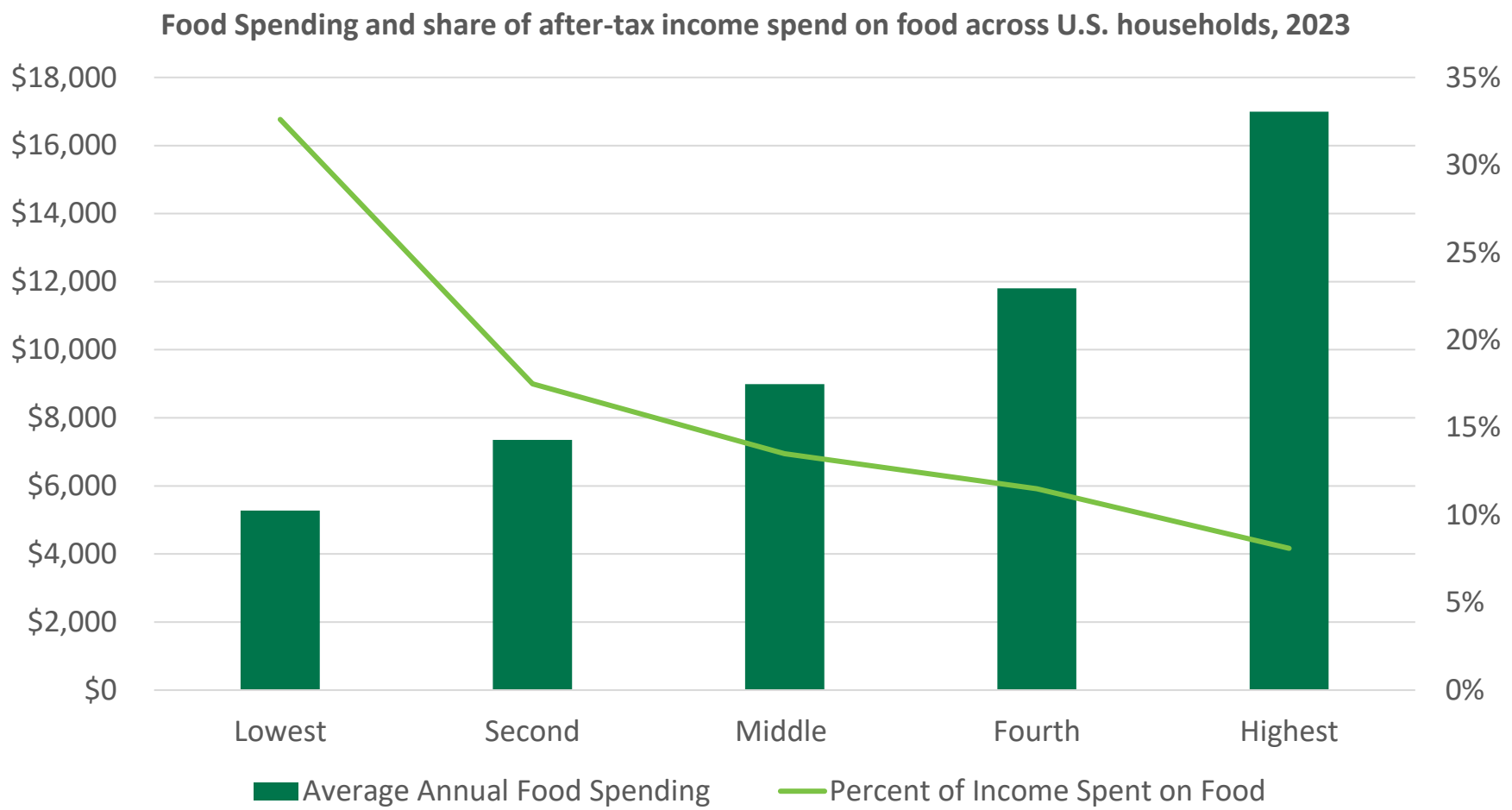
Impacts to Food Security for 65,142 Households

Impacts to Financial Security for 705 Retailers

Impacts to Capacity of Food Collaborative

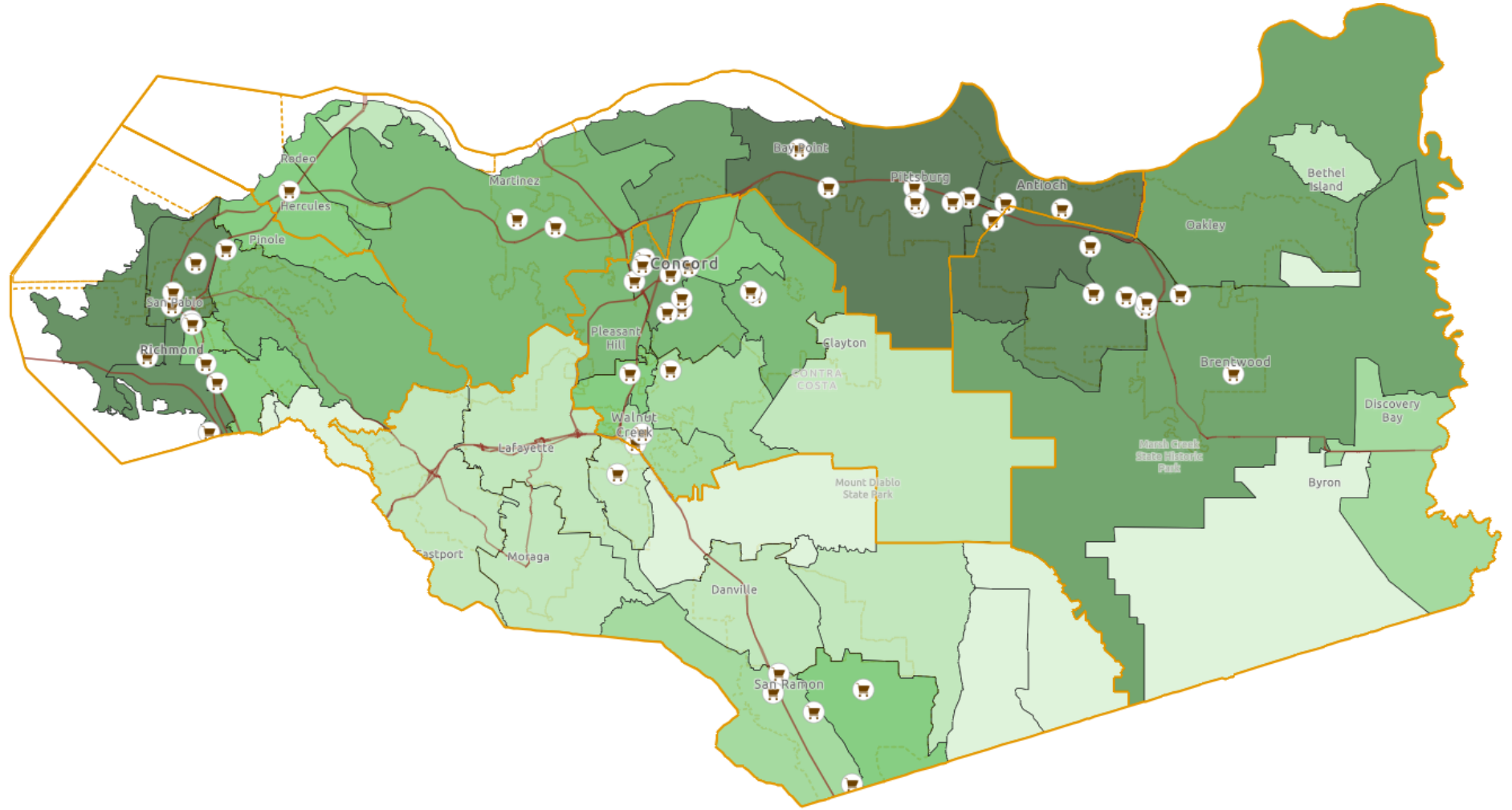


Low-income Households Spend more on Food



Data Source: USDA - Food spending as a share of income declines as income rises

September Top 10 Retailers by District



Data Source: MONTHLY FOOD TRANSACTION ACTIVITY REPORT - STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EBT PROJECT
Note: Specific locations identified in attached report.

County Funded Food Services

Partner	Category	Funding Source	FY24/25	FY25/26	Change
Food Bank of Contra Costa	Food Security	General Fund	\$53,667	\$53,667	\$0
Community Housing Development	Congregate	Federal/State	\$31,746	\$12,469	\$(19,277)
Meals on Wheels Diablo Region	Congregate	Federal/State	\$203,611	\$195,825	\$(7,786)
Trio	Congregate	Federal/State	\$836,759	\$818,710	\$(18,049)
Meals on Wheels Diablo Region	Home Delivered	Measure X	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0
Meals on Wheels Diablo Region	Home Delivered	Federal/State	\$1,525,143	\$943,719	\$(581,424)
Meals on Wheels West Contra Costa	Home Delivered	Measure X	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Meals on Wheels West Contra Costa	Home Delivered	Federal/State	\$350,487	\$159,558	\$(190,929)
J-Sei	Home Delivered	Federal/State	\$117,533	\$121,275	\$3,742
Trio	Home Delivered	Federal/State	\$3,418,450	\$3,672,111	\$253,661
Trio	Home Delivered	Measure X	\$0	\$500,000 *	\$500,000
Food Bank of Contra Costa	Food Security	Measure X	\$0	\$3,635,899 *	\$3,635,899
Total			\$7,037,396	\$10,613,233	\$3,575,837

* Limited duration funding

Recommendation

Plan to Implement Recommendation



Recommendations

1. **ADOPT** a resolution proclaiming a local emergency caused by the disruption of funding for CalFresh food assistance benefits, including the activation of County disaster service workers.
2. **ALLOCATE** up to \$21,000,000 from the General Fund from the following sources and in the following order to purchase debit cards for distribution to CalFresh eligible households for the month of November 2025 and **DIRECT** the County Administrator, or designee to prepare a Budget Amendment to effectuate the final allocation decision of the Board of Supervisors:
 - a. \$8,181,373. General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. This is the amount of COVID-19 FEMA reimbursement revenue that was received by the County after the FY25-26 Budget Adoption and is currently not appropriated in FY25-26. (4/5 Vote Required)
 - b. \$9,729,868. Appropriation for Contingencies. This is the amount of COVID-19 FEMA reimbursement that was deposited into the Appropriation for Contingencies during the FY25-26 Budget Adoption. (4/5 Vote Required)
 - c. \$3,088,759. Appropriation for Contingencies. (4/5 Vote Required)
3. **AUTHORIZE** the distribution of debit cards to November CalFresh Eligible Households and authorize the Employment and Human Services Director to execute a related contract or contract amendment.
4. **DIRECT** the Employment and Human Services Director to report to the Board of Supervisors, within 60 days, on the need for continuing the local emergency.
5. **PROVIDE** additional direction to staff on steps to mitigate the disruption of funding for CalFresh food assistance benefits.

Two-Part Implementation Plan

1. To provide food to CalFresh recipients who have and will miss their CalFresh benefit beginning November 1, EHSD will purchase 10,000 food boxes from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano to serve 40,000 people for two weeks. EHSD and the Food Bank will begin distributing these boxes at EHSD locations on November 3. EHSD will use existing funding for this purchase. These food boxes will augment existing food distribution at EHSD pantries which are funded by local philanthropy.
2. To ensure that CalFresh households have continued resources to purchase food, EHSD will purchase debit cards and begin distributing them to November CalFresh-eligible households beginning the week of November 10.

Debit Card Distribution

1. Purchase cards
2. Distribute debit cards beginning November 10
 - a. Locations
 - b. Validation
 - c. Cadence
 - d. Recipient Rights
 - e. Special Populations
 - f. Security and Safety
 - g. Accountability
 - h. Communications

Benefits of Proposed Action



**Supports CalFresh
Households**

*by providing
resources*

**Supports Grocery
Outlets**

*by maintaining
sales*

**Supports Food
Collaborative**

*by reducing
traffic*

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Discussion