

HUNGER RELIEF



PROJECT OVERVIEW

According to [Feeding America](#), more than 34 million people, including 9 million children, currently experience food insecurity in the United States. Help lessen the need by providing food to soup kitchens, food pantries, or directly to individuals.



STEP 1

Get Started

Many communities have seen an uptick in individuals and families seeking support from food pantries, soup kitchens, school backpack programs, or delivery services like Meals on Wheels. Reach out to these organizations to determine how the Lodge can best make an impact.



STEP 2

Make it a Success

Between delivering meals, starting a garden, packaging food baskets, or donating funds to food pantries, there are many ways your Lodge can combat food insecurity. Decide how your Lodge can best help address your community's needs.



STEP 3

Make it Your Own

If your Lodge is providing food directly to families, host cooking classes at the Lodge to teach them to make nutritious meals. If the plan is to deliver food to seniors who are homebound, consider reaching out to local high school students to do lawn work for community service credit. If your Lodge has outdoor space, build a [Little Free Pantry](#) to provide a steady stream of nonperishable foods. The possibilities are endless!

CIP Tip: Many Lodges use CIP grants to provide food baskets during the holiday season. Consider providing hunger relief as soon as your Lodge is able, rather than waiting for the holidays. After all, food insecurity exists all year-round.