

What Are Considered Essential Needs?

The Spotlight Grant has expanded the hunger relief project plan to include <u>essential needs</u>. Essential needs include items crucial for maintaining basic health,



hygiene, and well-being, including many supplies not covered by government benefits such as <u>SNAP</u>. See below for examples on what are considered essential needs items.

Delano, Calif., Lodge No. 1761 used a Spotlight Grant to provide food, essential needs, and support to families living in households that are under-resourced.

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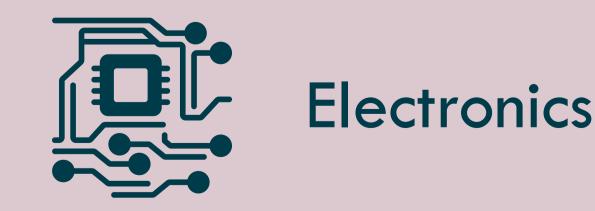








Diapers and Incontinence Supplies







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